

There Is Time!

"There are just not enough hours in the day."

"I have so much to do and not enough time to do it in."

"I don't have time to do it!"

We have all said something like this or heard someone else say it. A Bible College professor used to say that people always have time to do what they want to do. Some people have a very complex schedule and time is a premium for them, especially for what one would call free time. It does not matter who we are or what our station in life might be, whether we are famous or obscure, wealthy or poor, educated or uneducated, talented or not, liked or disliked; none of this matters, but there is one thing that we all have in common, an event that we will have time for and we will attend. Sooner or later we will all have time to die; the grave, no matter what form it may take, will not be cheated. We may not like to think about this, but it is a fact we cannot escape. So now the question is this; who are you looking for, the undertaker or the upper-taker?

The undertaker will be the one who prepares the body for burial; the body, the vehicle that the real you is housed in, but when it's time to die, that vehicle is cast aside and the real you goes to an eternal place the Bible calls Heaven or Hell. There is no place in between that some call purgatory; nowhere does the Bible speak of such a place. The real you, the eternal soul that God created will go, immediately upon death, to one of two places, and where that will be is determined while we are still alive, and that choice is ours and ours alone. We are only passing this way one time; "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:" {Hebrews 9:27} One old-time preacher said, "Do not believe that you are standing still; you are not. Your pulses each moment beat the funeral marches to the tomb. You are chained to the chariot of rolling time. There is no bridling of the steeds or leaping from the chariot." (Charles Haddon Spurgeon). So the question remains; have you made time for Jesus Christ and repented of sin and trusted His as your personal Saviour? Why should you do this? Well, please allow me to share with you a few reasons with Scripture.

1. In yourself, you are not righteous: "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:" {Romans 3:10}
2. You are a sinner: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" {Romans 3:23}
3. How you become that way: "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" {Romans 5:12} That one man was Adam, in the Garden of Eden, when he disobeyed God.
4. The penalty that awaits you: "For the wages of sin is death;" {Romans 6:23a} That death is not only a physical death, but also the eternal lake of fire that the Bible calls the second death. "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." {Revelation 21:8}
5. The love of God can keep you from an eternity in a devil's hell because of what He has done for you: "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." {Romans 5:8}
6. The penalty for your sin debt has already been paid by Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary; it is now a matter of receiving Him as personal Saviour: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." {Romans 10:9-10}
7. God has promised you that He will save you: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." {Romans 10:13}
8. Repentance (a change of mind that leads to a change of action) is absolutely essential to being saved: "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." {Luke 13:3}
9. When Jesus died on the Cross of Calvary, it was His shed blood that paid our sin debt: "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:" {1 Peter 1:18-19}

10. It was and is the blood of Jesus that cleanses us from ALL sin: “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” {1 John 1:7}
11. God has promised you and me that if we would receive Jesus as personal Saviour, we would be saved for all eternity: “And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.” {1 John 5:11-13}

Solomon in Ecclesiastes said, “To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;” {Ecclesiastes 1:1-2} Friend, please do not be fooled into thinking that you do not have time to consider your eternal state; do not allow anyone or anything to keep you from repenting of sin and trusting Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. Whatever it may be that holds you back, it is not worth it with eternity in view.

Those of us who have trusted Jesus as personal Saviour are not perfect; we are just sinners saved by grace. Our sins, past, present, and future, are all under the blood of Jesus Christ who loved us and gave Himself for us. We have the responsibility to live in such a manner as to bring honor and glory to Him {1 Corinthians 6:19-20}. This is why it is so important that we regularly attend an independent, fundamental, Bible-believing and Bible-preaching church that we may consistently sit under the ministry of God’s Word and grow spiritually. Make new friends, Christian friends, spend time in prayer, and above all, read God’s Word every day.

Well friend, will you now take time for God? It is my prayer that you will before it becomes eternally too late.

~Richard A. Ciarrocca©2014