

II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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How Long Is the "Twinkle of an Eye"?

Our resurrection from the grave, Paul declares, will occur "in the twinkling of an eye" (I Cor. 15:52). How long is that? Do you say one second? Well, think again! Science has measured it.

According to the *Chicago Times* newspaper, scientists now have an instrument which measures "the twinkling of an eye." It is many times faster than a "blink."

What is THREE HUNDRED THOUSANDTH OF ONE SECOND? That's it! (If you don't

believe it, measure it.)

Well, this doesn't leave any time for unfinished business. When the last trump sounds, God's people whose bodies are in the graves, and all who are alive at His coming, will be in Heaven in exactly three hundred thousandth of one second! We won't have time to say "Hallelujah" until we get there!

(We thank Evangelist Bruce W. Ward, Orlando, Florida, for acquainting us with the scientific discovery.)

—From *Capital Voice*

Who's in line to be president?

The vice president, of course, followed by the Speaker of the House of representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate. After that it goes to the Cabinet: secretary of state, secretary of the treasury, secretary of defense, attorney general, and on through the rest of the cabinet posts. The secretary of homeland security is last.

WHAT COMES AFTER A HUNDRED? Read on.

Hundred, Thousand, Million, Billion, Trillion, Quadrillion, Quintillion, Sextillion, Septillion, Octillion and Nontillion. (You'll have to take it from here. I can't count any further!)

THE LENGTH OF YOUR LIFE!

*** WHAT TIME IS IT IN YOUR LIFE?

It may be later than you think. The Bible says in Psalm 90:10 that the days of our years are three score and ten. A score is 20 so we are promised the POSSIBILITY of living 70 years. Remember though, that it is only a possibility. But from

this we would understand then that a normal life expectancy would be 70 years. I have divided these 70 years into four parts to represent Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. Here's where you are in your life:

From Birth to Age 17½ you are in the SPRING of your life.

From Age 17½ to 35 you are in the SUMMER of your life.

From age 35 to 52½ you are in the FALL of your life.

From age 52½ to 70 you are in the WINTER of your life.

From age 70 on you are living on borrowed time!

Looking at life like this we begin to see that life, after all, is very short. If you are not saved and serving God, time for you is running out. The Bible admonishes us to "redeem the time." It seems to me that a "word to the wise is sufficient."



What time is it in your life according to this scale?

For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Matthew 16:26



KEEP LOOKING UP!

I don't look back; God knows the fruitless efforts,
The wasted hours, the sinning, the regrets;
I leave them all with Him who blots the record
And mercifully forgives and then forgets.
I don't look forward; God sees all the future,
The road that, short or long, will lead me home;
And He will face with me its every trial
And bear for me the burdens that may come.
I don't look round me; then would fears assail me,
So wild the tumult of earth's restless seas,
So dark the world, so filled with woe and evil,
So vain the hope of comfort or of ease.
I don't look in, for then am I most wretched;
My self has naught on which to stay my trust,
No thing I see save failures and shortcomings
And weak endeavors crumbling into dust.
But I look up—into the face of Jesus,
For there my heart can rest, my fears are stilled;
And there is joy and love and light for darkness.
And perfect peace and every hope fulfilled.

—Annie Johnson Flint



IT'S ELEVEN O'CLOCK, SUNDAY MORNING—
DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CHURCH IS?

DO YOU BELONG TO THE CHURCH?

A pastor was once asked if a certain man (whom we shall call John) belonged to his church. The pastor replied, "No, John does not belong to my church, but his name is on the church roll book." The inquirer, a little confused by this answer, asked him what he meant.

"It's like this," the pastor explained. "John's time doesn't belong to the church, his energy, nor his money, nor his affection." Said the pastor, "It is a bit difficult to explain. He never refers to the church as 'my church' and 'my pastor.' It is always 'those people' and 'that preacher.' It is never what 'we do' but what 'they do.' He is never involved in any of the church functions. He does not come, and he knows nothing about what goes on at the church. So, you see, it would be kinda stretching the point for me to say he belongs."

Miscellaneous.

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DAVID SINNED WITH HIS EYES WIDE OPEN

In I Chronicles 21:1 we see where Satan provoked David to number the Israelites. David knew it was wrong. Joab begged him not to do it but he walked into this sin with his eyes wide open and paid a terrible price. He also did the same thing when he fell into sin with Bathsheba. We know the rest of the story by reading what happened to his family. David knowingly fell into sin time after time.

So it is with many people today, even Christians. They know the truth and yet Satan, slick as a whistle, traps them and causes their lives to be ruined. Listen to this admonition from James 4:17, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." Also, we read these words in Luke 12:48, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." For Christians we have responsibility down here and accountability up there. A word to the wise is sufficient!

THE ETERNALITY OF OUR GREAT GOD

God does not see time the way we do. Peter said (II Peter 3:4) that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years is as one day. Peter, as well as many others in the Bible, was speaking of God's eternality. The past, present and the future is always the "present" with God!

God transcends time and is not bound by it. God exists in the "eternal present" and all things exist in the "eternal now" with Him.

God's divine plan gives people more time than we would give them to receive Christ. God's timing is always perfect and accomplishes His purpose and plan for the world and for individuals.

Someday we will leave "time" and enter the "eternal present" with God.

-contributed

YOUR PAST DOES NOT HAVE TO BE YOUR FUTURE

No matter how many times you have failed, God graciously offers His forgiveness. If your heart's desire is to grow spiritually and walk closely with Jesus Christ during this coming year, start by coming to church regularly, praying daily for God's will to be done, and by letting others know you are a Christian. Your year could be filled with joy that comes from an ever-closer relationship to Him.