

Ecclesiastes

JESUS GIVES US MEANING



Time Is Meaningless Without Jesus **Ecclesiastes 3:1-15**

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The Connection — “*Vanity of vanities,*” says the Preacher, “*Vanity of vanities! All is vanity.*” (Ecc. 1:2; 12:8)

The writer of Ecclesiastes is on a journey to find meaning and purpose in this life and he concludes

The Poem About Time — 14 pairings of opposites (a merism) Ecc. 3:2-8

The Point About Time — It is designed to show us the full range of human and natural experiences and how each one cancels the other out (14 pluses and 14 minuses that = _____)

Lesson — Time Is Meaningless Without Jesus (3:1-15)

I. THE PROBLEM WE HAVE WITH TIME

We have a _____ view of time — What are we going to do?

We have a _____ view of time — Is this all there is?

“What profit is there to the worker from that in which he toils? I have seen the task which God has given to the sons of men with which to occupy themselves.”
vs.9-10

II. THE PERSPECTIVE WE SHOULD HAVE WITH TIME

We should have a _____ view of time — How can I find meaning?

“He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart, yet so that man will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end.” **v.11**

“Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time (redeeming the time), because the days are evil.” **Ephesians 5:15-16**

What Should I Remember About God to Redeem the Time?

1. God’s timing is _____. v. 1a *“There is an **appointed** time for everything.”*
2. God’s timing is _____. v.1b *“And there is **a time** for every event under heaven —“*
3. God’s timing is _____. vs.2-10 *“a time **to** ...”*
4. God’s timing is _____. vs. 11 *“He has made everything **appropriate** in His time.” (Cf. vs.12-15)*