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THE SURE WORD by Jonnie Hutchison

WHEN TIME IS NO MORE

Most of us take **time** for granted. We speak of tomorrow as if there is no possibility that it will not come or that time could possibly come to an end. Yet, the Bible informs us that tomorrow is uncertain (James 4:13-15). At the coming of Christ time will have served its purpose and will cease, giving way to eternity.

WHEN TIME IS NO MORE every person who has ever lived upon this earth will inhabit either heaven or hell *“Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels”* (Matthew 25:31-34, 41).

WHEN TIME IS NO MORE all opportunity to change one’s, eternal destination will have ceased. There are no second chances to be saved apart from this present time. When time ceases so will the opportunity to prepare to enter heaven. *“Behold, **now** is the accepted time; behold **now** is the day of salvation”* (2 Corinthians 6:2b). Dear reader, are you using your time now to prepare yourself spiritually to enter heaven?

WHEN TIME IS NO MORE many of the things that seem so important to us in this life will be meaningless. The time wasted in indulging in the pleasures of sin and the time spent striving for riches, power and prestige to the neglect of God will result in eternal regret. Precious souls will cry out in agony, “How could I have been so foolish as to waste my time (Ephesians 5:16).

WHEN TIME IS NO MORE every person will know that the Bible is the Word of God and that God’s plan for man’s salvation revealed therein is absolute truth. It will be affirmed in the mind of every person that without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). Each one will realize that repentance (Luke 13:3, 5). confession of faith (Romans 10:9-10) and baptism into Christ is essential to salvation. All will see clearly that it is in baptism that one reaches the death of Christ and thus the cleansing blood of the Savior which washes away sin (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Romans 6:3-4; Revelation 2:10).

As you are reading this article time is passing. That means that your opportunities to prepare for eternity are also swiftly passing away. Dear reader, we beg you, utilize your time wisely in making the necessary preparation so that you can receive the forgiveness of sins through the precious blood of Jesus and have the hope of existing in eternity with God in heaven. Please, don’t wait until **TIME IS NO MORE!**

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