

Perception of Time

James 4:13-15



Time...some thoughts

- Define
 - Scientist vs. Philosopher vs. Theologian
 - Perspective – younger vs. elder, joy vs. anguish
 - Relative but finite for us
- Paradox
 - Plenty of time vs. never enough
 - Probably the most valuable commodity...and yet everyone has it
 - Completely unaware of how much we possess
 - James 4:13-15

...so what are we doing with our time?

Time...perception

- Man
 - Time began for us when we were created in the flesh
 - Passes second, minute, hour...
 - Time in these mortal bodies as we know it will end
 - 1 Peter 1:24
- God
 - Time is immaterial because God is eternal – 2 Peter 3:8, John 1:1, 1 Peter 1:25

When as a child I laughed and wept,
Time crept.

When as a youth I waxed more bold,
Time strolled.

When I became a full grown man,
Time RAN.

When older still I daily grew,
Time FLEW.

Soon I shall find, in passing on,
Time gone.

O Christ! wilt Thou have saved me then?

Amen. *Times Paces* - Henry Twells

So what are we going to do with our time?

- Past is the past
 - We all have it, you can't live in it, that time is spent
 - But you can learn from it
 - Stop recreating your past day after day – make a change!
- Paul – Philippians 3:4-14
 - As a Jew would be near the pinnacle of influence – vv4-5
 - Came at a great cost to the church and Christ – vv6, 1 Timothy 1:15
 - Paul made a change and had an epiphany – vv7-9
 - Realization that it is a constant journey – vv10-14, 1 Timothy 1:16
 - If he had lived in his past he would be stranded there, instead of our example.

So what are we going to do with our time?

- Redeem the time!
 - Ephesians 5:15-17, 1-2
 - Christ died for you!
- Live soberly, righteously and godly
 - Titus 2:11-14
- Longsuffering but judgment will come
 - 2 Peter 3:9-18
 - A message for those outside and within the body of Christ



There is still
time...now!

TIME
FOR
CHANGE

- Joshua 24:15
 - Not tomorrow, not when its convenient, not when I've conquered whatever is standing in my way...today!