

it's a seasonal thing

"to everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." eccl 3:1

there certainly are seasons and times. right now, we know we are in the christmas season. there are seasons in the worldly sense, i.e. football and baseball seasons, as are there seasons of life. but do you so easily recognize things in their spiritual season?

right now, we are in the one of the most significant spiritual seasons ever. i don't know if you're like me or not, but when i contemplate this season, i feel as though it is almost surreal; a touch of irrational reality. and yet, here we are; chosen from all that ever lived to be here in this last generation.

it's as if God planned it all out (hint, hint); perhaps the bad to be the worst of the bad and the good, hopefully to be the best of the good. i fully expect the bad to reach their full potential. even now we see the hearts of many being darkened. the question is, will the good reach theirs? will we step up to meet the purpose God has planned for those living in these times? yes, i think God will see to it.

right now the history of the end of this age is being recorded in God's books. but don't let the devil bind you in his prison of pressure. don't let him silence your tongue from expounding the hope we have set before us. we are all called to testify. "and they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the

death." rev 12:11

most of us will never write a book, compose a song or garner influence over a large number of people. but each of us has a whisper of influence over those within our realm. perhaps by the words we speak, but certainly by the witness we live. "but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in jerusalem, and in all judea and samaria, and to the end of the earth." acts 2:1

we might be the only bible anyone will ever read. what i mean is that the unsaved might be exposed to the gospel by your very Christ-likeness. when we are living a life of obedience and reflecting the attributes of God like long-suffering, patience, and love, people see that as attractive and winsome. when we are walking with Christ, we should be looking more like Christ every day. use your life for His glory in making disciples of all nations, and live like you really believe it.

Jesus once said that "you are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? it is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men." matt 5:13 so either you're like the natural salt, which enhances the flavor and also acts as a preservative, or you overdo it, which sometimes stings in wounded people. unless God's wrath is revealed against unsaved sinners, God's mercy will not be relevant.

during the gruesome black plague in the 1300s, there

was an estimated 75 to 200 million people who died. those who weren't christians started noticing that the christians' funerals were as hopeless as the funerals they had for family. the christian funeral actually offered hope beyond the day. that hope is found only in Christ.

those outside the church began to be drawn to this hope, and then they heard the gospel of Jesus Christ where He said, "I am the resurrection and the life. whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live." john 1:25 speaking of God, "He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to Him." luke 20:38 these christian funerals began to bring people to Christ because they'd say, "these christians suffer well. why is that?" of course, we know why. we have hope beyond hope. yes, even a full assurance!

the christian is a person who makes it easy for others to believe in God since we are the salt of the world, we are lights in a darkened world, and we suffer well because of our hope in Jesus Christ. when we reflect Christ, we let people know what He's like, and that might help to open the door for the gospel to enter their heart.

be salty, be light in a darkened world, be Christ-like in all you do or say. this is the age, the season of grace. "let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready. and to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints." rev 19:7-8

are you dressed for this season, the most relevant one ever? now is the time if you're going to serve Him!