

## “Reminder of Who You Are”

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Have you noticed these days so many people, particularly young people, are on a constant quest to “find themselves.” Our Heavenly Father has made this task simple: scripture tells us who we are.



Notes:  
[a] John  
1:1

“How?” you may ask, “do we know this from stories about David and Goliath and about Jesus?” Well, through consistent Bible study and reading we learn what God called us to be.

“But,” you may say, “who is as good as that? Even David, the man after God’s own heart, committed adultery and ordered a man’s murder!” True, but after David was confronted by God’s prophet he repented and again enveloped himself in God’s word and threw himself into worshipping our forgiving God.

Understanding that we all have challenges that we have faced or are currently facing, we must remember that the scriptures tell us who we are in Christ. Focusing on the scriptures is a major part of renewing of

our minds. <sup>2</sup>And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12:2 (KJV)

So how can these ancient words help us in today’s world? The Word is God.<sup>[a]</sup> and therefore it is timeless and can apply to any circumstance and time. The following applies to anyone:

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:12-13(NIV)

Focusing on the Word is focusing on Christ and brings us daily closer to being the people we’re called to be.

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## “Past, Present, Future”

(Teaching Sketch)

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8



When Solomon wrote these words in our scripture <sup>Ecclesiastes 3:1-8</sup> he was perhaps the richest man on the planet and certainly considered a man full of wisdom. Centuries have passed since the time of their writing and they are still considered great wisdom by the readers today and, certainly will be the same in the future.

God set in motion, for us, both time and place in Genesis 1:1. Here are the words, read them as I point out this fact.

<sup>Genesis 1:1</sup> *In the beginning* <sup>(time)</sup> *God created the heavens and the earth.* <sup>(Place)</sup>

God did this with a plan in mind and because he created “time,” which did not exist, only eternity existed, up until then. When God created time he set in motion past, present and future. Then he created a place for “time” to occur — “the heavens and the earth.” These he created with a purpose!

### The Past

“The past is past, let it go!”

Notes:

This is often the wisdom heard today. There is truth in this advice since you and I may hold on to some events in our life allowing them to define us to ourselves and others. We can find ourselves held in the grip of what is false rather than allowing the Word of God to define us. Our adversary, Satan, wants us paralyzed by the events and behaviors of the past if they will keep us from fulfilling God’s desire and purpose for us.

The past is something we, hopefully, can learn from and gain wisdom from to get on track with God’s plan and stay there in God’s will and protection.

### The Present

The present is instantaneous! The present is actually “NOW.” The scripture tells us, “Now is the day of salvation.” <sup>2</sup>Corinthians 6:2 The present is the day of salvation. Do not make the assumption this means only the salvation from an eternity in hell; the Greek word means much more than

## Scripture:

### Ecclesiastes 3:1-8<sup>(NIV)</sup>

#### A Time for Everything

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<sup>1</sup> There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under heaven:

<sup>2</sup> a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,

<sup>3</sup> a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,

<sup>4</sup> a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,

<sup>5</sup> a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain,

<sup>6</sup> a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,

<sup>7</sup> a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,

<sup>8</sup> a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.



#### "The Sojourner Live"

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9:00 PM (EST)  
8:00 PM (CST)

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what is generally understood in English. The Greek word means saved, healed, and delivered! Believers are to bring this understanding to the world by all we do in our walk, our talk, and our behavior. I mean, salvation is not just for the person who has accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior but it is to be taken to those who have not accepted him. Incarnation of the blessing of God is to be carried out and imparted in the present—the NOW—by every Believer! What is done in the NOW is what creates our past and positions us for the future. It is fact that the beginning of this teaching is currently in our past and has brought us into the future. NOW is instantaneous!

#### The Future

The future is in many ways determined by what we glean from our past and prepare for by accepting God's plan for us. Jesus said if we will lose our life in him we will find our life.<sup>Matthew 16:25 & 10:39</sup> Jesus told us this in order for us to understand fullness in our lives comes only through him. Time, after the fall of mankind, has permitted and permits us to learn why and how to be in "The Blessing" he has always intended mankind to enjoy in fellowship with him.

#### Just so you'll know:

**Our service is informal.** We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
  - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship**
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during "Praise & Worship" (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
  - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

