

SERMON TEXT - ECCLESIASTES 3:1-15

- 1 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
- 2 a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- 3 a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- 4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- 5 a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- 6 a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
- 7 a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- 8 a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

9 What gain has the worker from his toil? 10 I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. 11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. 12 I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; 13 also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

14 I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him. 15 That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been; and God seeks what has been driven away.

FOR EVERYTHING A SEASON- ECCLESIASTES 3:1-15

*To everything (turn, turn, turn)
There is a season (turn, turn, turn)
And a time to every purpose under heaven
-Turn! Turn! Turn! by **The Byrds***

Theme: *God is in control of the seasons of our life. (v.1)*

#1 Our Beginnings and Our Ends

A. The Cradle and The Grave (v. 2)

B. Little Beginnings and Ends (v. 2-3)

#2 Our Everything-in-Betweens

A. Our Emotions (v. 4) B. Our Relationships (v. 5)

C. Our Stuff (v. 6) D. Lower Case 'i's (v. 7-8)

Gospel Glimpses:

v. 11 - *He has made everything beautiful in its time.*

v. 11 - *He has put eternity into man's heart...*

v. 15 - *God seeks what has been driven away.*

Other Passages/Quotes

Psalm 90:12 *So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.*

Philippians 2:5 *Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.*

Romans 5:6 *For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.*

Isaiah 64:6 *We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.*