

# **The Goodness of Our Time**

## **1 Peter 1:10-12**

### **Introduction:**

- A. It is easy to allow ourselves to live in the past - wish for the “good old days.”
  - 1. Before the high cost of living.
  - 2. Before worry about “the bomb.”
  - 3. Before acquiring responsibilities we now have.
  - 4. Before all the “problems of in the church.”
  - 5. Before all the problems we see nightly on TV.
- B. It is easy for us to forget the goodness of our own times.
  - 1. Medical and technological advancements of last 50 years.
  - 2. The standard of living of our time.
  - 3. The improvements in church over last 50 years - facilities, full-time preachers, etc.
- C. We need to reflect on the goodness of our times as Christians - advantages compared to past ages.

### **Discussion:**

#### **I. The Clear Revelation Of Salvation in Christ (1 Pet. 1:3-21).**

- A. Gives us advantage over the prophetic age (vv. 10-12).
- B. Gives us clearer view of:
  - 1. Heaven (vv. 3-9).
  - 2. Life (vv. 13-19).
  - 3. God (vv. 20-21).

#### **II. The Clear Revelation God’s Eternal Purpose (Eph. 3:1-12).**

- A. Gives us advantage over past ages (vv. 5, 9).
- B. Gives us clear view of one church for all (vv. 6-12).

#### **III. The Clear View of a Complete Revelation (1 Cor. 13:8-12).**

- A. Gives us advantage over apostolic age (vv. 11, 12).
- B. Gives us complete view without need for miracles and spiritual gifts (vv. 8-11; Heb. 2:3,4; John 20:30,31).
- C. Gives us all we need for all time (Jude 3).

#### **IV. The Clear Advantage Of the New Testament System. (Heb. 1:1,2).**

- A. Gives us advantage over Old Testament System.
- B. Gives us a better:
  - 1. Lawgiver. (Heb. 3:1-6).
  - 2. Priesthood. (Heb. 4:14-16; 7:20-25).
  - 3. Law with better provisions. (Heb. 8-10).

### **Conclusion:**

- A. How good it is to live now!
- B. Are we taking full advantage of our times?