

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

June 12, 2022

At the Right Time (Romans 5:6)

Several years ago, I taught a class called “Unsolved Mysteries of the Bible.” In one of these lessons, we looked at the question, “What time of year was Jesus born?” As part of this lesson, I tried to communicate that the answer to this question really doesn’t matter, because the key thing that we need to know is that it was “at the right time.” But how do we know that?

In **Romans 5:6** - Paul is beginning his explanation for the hope (confidence) that is within us (Introduced in verse 2):

Romans 5:6-11 (ESV)

⁶ For while we were still weak, **at the right time** Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

In this section, most focus (rightfully so) on the explanation that Jesus died while we were ungodly, weak, sinners, enemies, etc. But maybe we miss this phrase that occurs at the beginning of Paul’s explanation, “at the right time.” What does this mean that all of this was “at the right time”? This is referencing the culmination of God’s plan to save mankind.

Some might think of this as a lesson for those that have never accepted Christ, and that would be appropriate. However, I really think all of us need reminding of this great truth, because it helps to steady us during



*“God has spoken once, Twice
I have heard this: That
power belongs to God. Also
to You, O Lord, belongs
mercy; For You render to
each one according to his
work.”*

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*I want to be like Jesus,
So lowly and so meek;
For no one marked a cruel word,
That ever heard Him speak.
I want to be like Jesus:
I never, never find
That He, though persecuted
Was to anyone unkind.
I want to be like Jesus,
Engaged in doing good;
So that of me it may be said,
“She hath done what she could.”
Alas! I’m not like Jesus,
As anyone may see:
O gentle Savior, send thy grace,
And make me more like Thee!*

seasons of doubt. Even though we sometimes try to put up a facade that says this is a doubtless place, or that I am impervious to doubt. However, I'm confident that everyone here has gone through at least one season of doubt in their life. There are some of us that go through these seasons frequently and may be going through one right now.

So, again we come back to the question of how do we know that Jesus was born "at the right time"?

1. _____ (Gen 1:1; John 1:1-5; Ephesians 1:3-14)

God's plan to save mankind through His son has been in place since before the beginning of time.

2. _____ (Isaiah 11:1; Matthew 1:1; Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1-6; Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 27:57-61)

There are 100s of prophecies in the OT that point toward Jesus as the future savior of the world. No way we could cover all these today, but I encourage you to research these, because they will build your faith.

3. _____ (Acts 2:22-24; Romans 5:6)

Jesus died at exactly the right time to make salvation available to man, just as he had planned from the very beginning. If He died at the right time, this also means that he was born at the right time.

PRAYER LIST

- **Faye Waller** is at NHC rehab after elbow surgery
- **Isabel Johnson** got a good report from her 100 day results and asks for prayers as she makes up school work.
- **Nick Phifer** had a stem cell transplant from his mother to treat leukemia. Please pray for their recovery
- **Doug Demonbreun** has been suffering from cellulitis
- **Patricia Stroud** has been dealing with shingles
- Continue to pray for: families in **Uvalde, Texas** and those in **Ukraine**; **Delores Coleman**, the **Krantz** family, **John Hayes**, **Ann Reed**, **Gaynell Walker**, **Rosemary Douglas**, **Kristine Garrett**, **Rebecca Brown**, and **Jim Sims**

SERVING TODAY (June 12, 2022)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Read: J. Gupton
Prayer: J. Walker

WORSHIP

Read: R. Mayo
Wait On Table: J. Baker
Serve: D. Demonbreun, J. Buchanan
Prayer: D. Billingsley