

## **A New Year's Focus:** **"The Time Of My Life!"**

### Introduction:

#### **1. "Time" is God's creative "                                " for life!** **"                                " for life!**

a. Note: God exists                                  of earthly                                 !

-- Psalm 90:2 *"Before the mountains were born or You gave birth to the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God."*

-- Psalm 90:4 *"For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it passes by (24 hours), or as a watch in the night (3 hours)."*

-- II Peter 3:8 *"But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day."*

**God is "                                "; we are "                                "!**  
(Not governed by time) (Governed by time)

b. Note: Man/Woman exist                                  the                                  of time!

Since the rebellion of Adam and Eve, separating us from the "Life" of God,

-- **We are the "                                " of Diminishing "                                "!**

*"For all our days have declined in Your fury; we have finished our years like a sigh. As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years, or if due to strength, eighty years, yet their pride is but labor and sorrow; for soon it is gone and we fly away."*

Psalm 90:9-10

-- **God is "                                " over our "                                "!**

*"Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Your book were all written the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them."*

Psalm 139:16

#### **2. "Time" (Human "Life") is the "                                " of God!**

-- Genesis 2:7 *"Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being."*

→ It is a "                                "!

→ It is an act of "                                "! (It is "                                ")

→ It is evidence of "                                "! (It is "                                ")

**Our "life" is our "time"; our "time" is our "life"!**

*"For the love of Christ controls us . . . so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf."*

II Corinthians 5:14,15

# **I. The Promises of God Regarding the Coming Year!**

## **A. Isaiah 40:31**

*"Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles; they will run and not get tired; they will walk and not become weary."*

## **B. Isaiah 41:10**

*"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."*

## **C. Isaiah 46:8,9,10,11**

*"Remember this, and be assured ('firm'); recall it to mind . . . Remember the things long past, for I am God and there is no other; I am God and there is no one like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been seen, saying 'My purpose will be established and I will accomplish all My good pleasure'. . . Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it."*

## **D. Psalm 32:6-10**

*"Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to You in a time when You may be found; surely in a flood of great waters they will not reach him. You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance. **Selah** I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you. Do not be as the horse or the mule which have no understanding, whose trappings include bit and bridle to hold them in check, otherwise they will not come near to you. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but he who trusts in the Lord, **lovingkindness** shall surround him."*

## **E. Ephesians 1:3, 18-19**

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. . . . I pray that the eyes of your heart may be **enlightened**, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe."*

## **F. Romans 8:18, 31-32, 35-37**

*"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. . . . What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? . . . Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Just as it is written, 'For Your sake we are being put to death all day long; we were considered as sheep to be slaughtered.' But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us."*

## **G. Philippians 4:13, 19**

*"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. . . . And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."*

## II. Admonitions/Commands to the Believer!

- A. *“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”* II Peter 3:18

### 1) How?

“Like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the Word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.” I Peter 2:2-3

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.” II Timothy 2:15

### 2) Why?

“But evil men and imposters will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them . . . All Scripture is inspired by God (‘God-breathed’) and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.” II Timothy 3:13-14, 16-17

“For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.” Hebrews 4:12-14

→ Key: Expect this year to be God’s “\_\_\_\_\_” to produce “\_\_\_\_\_” in your life!

→ Key: You must have a “\_\_\_\_\_” and a “\_\_\_\_\_”!

→ Key: You must “\_\_\_\_\_” faith and obedience!

- B. *“Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of (‘redeeming’) your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”* Ephesians 5:15-17

### 1) How?

“But when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth . . . whatever He hears, He will speak, and disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.” John 16:13-15

### 2) Why?

“Therefore I urge you, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable (‘well-pleasing’) to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world (system), but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable (‘well-pleasing’) and perfect.” Romans 12:1-2