

Pastor Penny's 2 Cents July 2022

How is it even possible that it is time for another newsletter? How is it possible that school starts in 10 days? Where did our summer go? Time seems to keep moving and very fast even though, maybe for you, it has seemed to stand still. Time is a funny thing. The same 60 minutes or seconds can either seem to fly by in a split blink of an eye, or it can seem like an eternity. Ask anyone who has stood in front of a microwave or sat in a Dr.s office waiting for results.

Jesus said he, with the Father created all time and space, time only exists as we know it in this external world. However, in the spiritual realm there is no time, or space. This is how God knows everything past, present and future. We on the other hand always live in the past, even as the moment presents its self by the time our senses have captured it, technically it is already in the past.

John and I are guardians for a young man who is autistic. For him, he is always living in and looking to the future. To the point when he finally gets what he has been waiting forever for, he can not even enjoy it, because for him his brain has moved on to the next thing in the future. This young man can not live in or enjoy the present or past.

That is a very interesting concept. Paul talks about this a lot in the new testament. He says we are not to focus on the things in the past for we live for the future, a future in Christ. We do not belong to this world and await the return of Jesus Christ. Living in this external world we realistically can not just always live in the future, but we are to be aware that this is not our home, and to keep ready and focus on what is important, storing up treasures in heaven.

How does one store up treasure that we can take to heaven??? Glad you asked that question. It is not what you own, it is nothing you physically have, but the souls of those you have told the Gospel of Christ to. Doing good deeds will not get you into heaven. Earthly treasure will not get you into heaven, but allowing the light and love of Jesus reflect to others, being a witness to the saving grace and blood of Christ will.

I have had many people ask me “Why am I still here? I keep asking God why can't I die and yet here I am.” Or “Why did he save me? Why am I alive and the other person is not?” The answer I have to that is,... “God isn't done with you yet.”

If you have accepted him as Savior then he has given you more earthly time to accomplish something he has for you to do. Maybe it is to tie up loose ends. Maybe to ask forgiveness or mend a broken relationship. Maybe it is to help someone else, or to share the Gospel of Christ with them. Maybe, just maybe he has given you more time to deepen your relationship with him.

As time keeps moving so fast and sometimes our lives seem like a whirlwind it can be hard to set aside the time we need to focus on what a deeper relationship with Jesus could look like. Nothing comes immediately, or in a snap of a finger. It all takes time. And those moments stacked up can be very precious.

