

**ATTENTION!!**

**What to do during the time we have left?**

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.”* Proverbs 3:5-6

*“Do not worry then, saying, ‘What are we to eat?’ or ‘What are we to drink?’ or ‘What are we to wear for clothing?’ For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided to you.”* Matthew 6:30-33

*“The conclusion, when everything has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.”*  
Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

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## Time is Filled with Swift Transition

By Kevin Rutherford

The old song says, “Time is filled with swift transition.” How true that is. Our lives are passed in the blinking of an eye. James said our lives are like a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away (James 4:14). Every year in this world, 56,130,242 people die. That is about 4,677,520 per month, 153,781 per day, 6,408 per hour 107 per minute and nearly two per second. Assuming it takes you about five minutes to read this article, 535 people in this world will have died from the time you started until the time you finished. Time is getting away from us very quickly, and some day we will be numbered among the dead.

Because life is but a micro-dot on the timeline of eternity, we must make the most of our lives. Solomon wanted to make the most of his life but ended up wasting so much of it instead. After realizing the vanity of multiple women, wine, wealth, he finally came to the realization that one’s life is not well spent unless God is placed first in the life. After all we have been created for the purpose of serving God (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

Making the most of our lives involves spending time engaged in activities that are beneficial to us physically, eating right and exercising are important. After all, there is some benefit to exercise (I Timothy 4:8). In addition, we are to be self-disciplined, and we are to take care of the body God has given us to use (Galatians 5:23; I Corinthians 6:19).

Making the most of our time involves spending time with family and friends. God wants us to bring our children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). We can’t do that if

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we don't spend time with them. Too many families are splintering because the members of that family have become too busy to spend time with one another.

Making the most of our time involves serving God. Spending time on the bodies' health, and with family are certainly involved in serving God. However, serving God goes far beyond that. God must be first on our list of life priorities (Matthew 6:33). We need to make sure that we are using our time to worship Him, learn from His Word, pray to Him, teach the gospel among the lost, and spend time with fellow Christians. It is our service to God that is going to count on the judgment day (Revelation 20:13).

By the end of this hour 6,408 people will have died. Some day you and I will die. Solomon said, *"the living know that they shall die"* (Ecclesiastes 9:5). Don't waste your life in the pursuit of the vain and the foolish. Spend your short life in service to God. Don't die with doubt. Live with hope and die with hope. Faithfully serve the Lord and confidently expect the reward (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

## **A Blessed Rest**

Mike Johnson

Revelation 14:13 says, ***"Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, 'Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' 'Yes,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.'"***

The word "blessed" means "happy." There is an undeniable sense in which death brings sorrow. However, for those who *"die in the Lord,"* death, in a sense, can be regarded as a happy occasion. Heaven is a place of joy, rest, and peace, and we will experience this for eternity.

How do our "works" follow us? Consider two senses. First, if an individual lives a faithful Christian life, the positive impact of this person's life continues after death. In Hebrews 11:4, we learn that Able, although dead, continues to speak. Also, Peter spoke of his

approaching death in the first chapter of 2 Peter. After pointing out he would soon die, he said, *"Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease."* Our life on earth impacts others after we die, and our works do follow us. Another way to look at this passage is that the consequences of our deeds follow us into the next life, as judgment will be based on what we have done upon this earth. 2 Corinthians 5:10 says, *"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."* Also, in Romans 2:6, we are told God will render to every man *"according to his deeds."*

In conclusion, it is essential to consider that this blessed rest spoken of in Revelation 14:13 is only for those *"who die in the Lord."* As the text indicates, it is for those who have "labored" for Him. Salvation only awaits those *"who die in the Lord."* What is our situation? Are we *"in the Lord?"* Are we laboring for the Lord? If so, our death can be a joyous occasion!

## **What Then?**

By David Sain

On graduation night, a father asked, "Son, what are your plans?" The boy answered, "Dad, you know that I'm going to college." The dad said, "That's right, but what then?" The boy replied, "Well, I'll want to get a good job and hopefully get married." The dad said, "That's also fine, but what then?" The boy answered, "I want to have kids. Then, after that, I put the required years on the job, I'll retire." The father replied, "That's good, but what then?" And the boy said, "Well... uh... I don't know... I guess I'll get old and die." The dad said, "That's right, what then?" And the boy dropped his head as he realized he had plans for life on earth but no plans for life beyond this world. The Bible teaches that *"it is appointed unto man once to die and after this the judgment"* (Hebrews 9:27). What then?