

Thanks to CALVARY

Where would we be without Calvary? God gave His Son so we could have eternal life through Him. The following sermon deals with the importance of coming to Christ while the opportunity is available. We hope this simple sermon will cause an awakening in your heart to see “...the fields; for they are white already to harvest” (John 4:35).



The fall season brings about many changes in our area of southern Ohio. One of the most prevalent sights is the farmer bringing in the harvest. I realize this can only be done at a specific time. Conditions have to be right in order for the harvesting to take place. When the harvesting begins, there is a small window of opportunity to accomplish this task. The season of harvesting can also be applied spiritually.

You can get saved anytime.” This statement has been used by Satan to deter sinners from coming to God. This lie has sent thousands to hell because people feel they have plenty of time. The reality is there is only a few windows of opportunity for people to take advantage of accepting Christ as their Savior:

I. The Window of Childhood - *“Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them”* (Ecclesiastes 12:1). I have stood in countless pulpits and witnessed the testimony of

hundreds of people. The only regret I have ever heard is, *“I regret I did not get saved when I was young.”* Most congregations are filled with folks who were saved before they got a driver’s license. The fact is, you save yourself a lifetime of pain and turmoil by giving your life to the Lord during the window of your youth. I am not saying that your life will always remain on the mountain, but you will prove God to be faithful.

II. The Window of Concern - Another reality in the modern church is the lack of concern for those who are not saved. We seem to be more concerned about everything else but sinners. If you are reading this publication and you do not know God as your Savior, be thankful if you have loved ones who call your name in prayer. God has blessed you with this window of opportunity. As long as people are concerned about you, there is still hope for you to come to Jesus.

III. The Window of Conviction - Webster’s dictionary defines conviction as *“the state of being convinced of error or compelled to admit the truth.”* The law, put in place by God, was to show a man his sin. Conviction exposes the truth of God’s Word and reveals the remedy for sin. The choice is then up to the individual to choose between Christ and Satan. This conviction will stay as long as a person shows interest in his soul and when the church continues to carry a burden. However, this is yet another small window of opportunity that hinges on the Holy Spirit.

IV. The Window of Catastrophe - In recent months this window has been opened for the whole world to take a view. In the United States, hurricanes Katrina and Rita caused major destruction in the areas of the Gulf Coast. In Pakistan, an earthquake killed thousands of people. The constant talk of terrorist attacks, rising gas prices, economic turmoil, America at war, all of these events cause the church and nations to turn to God. However, as we have seen with the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the "Pray for America" signs are removed from the fast food chains and yet another window is closed. God is allowing these events to occur to show the world, Christ's return is imminent. Jeremiah 8:20 states, *"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."* The window is open. Let us take advantage of this opportunity because if this window closes, it may not open again!

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