

Make Your Time Count (Go To Meeting)

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We're in this midst of this count to Pentecost. As we know, God instructs us that there's a period after the days of Unleavened Bread that we're to count seven Sabbaths or seven complete weeks. We're also told that there's a 50th Day that we need to pay attention to. This deals with the time that during the days of Unleavened Bread—the Passover season—all the way to Pentecost, a seven-week period.

Right now, it's hard to believe that we're just two weeks away from this Feast of Pentecost.

- Where are we in the count?
- When we look at ourselves personally from Passover to Pentecost, where are we spiritually?
- How much growth and development have we had personally?

We know that Pentecost does picture a *harvest Feast, the harvest of the firstfruits!* We want to be growing into that so we can look to the day of harvest, when the time is right for God and Jesus Christ!

Psalm 90:9: "For all our days pass away in Your wrath; we finish our years as with a sigh."

I think everybody, especially as we get older, can attest to that. Time does go by quickly; life goes by quickly.

Verse 10: "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they are fourscore years, yet, their span is but trouble and sorrow, for it is soon cut off and we fly away."

Again, that's how life goes; it just goes by and the generations recently, it's been a blessing to see so many people live into their 70s-90s and sometime you hear of those who reach 100! That's certainly everyone should thank and praise God for, for extended life and the opportunity we have is use that time of life that we have.

Verse 11: "Who knows the power of Your anger, and Your wrath according to the fear that is due to You?"

Those of us in the Church, who have been called and have God's Spirit within us, we do know and have an understanding. We will read later about the coming wrath that Peter talks about. The world doesn't understand what's going on now, and what's happened down through time and the plan of God. But we do have that understanding.

Verse 12: "So, **teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**"

That's what we're going to be talking about; we need to go to God when need help. We always need to remember that we need to number our days; to consider them:

- what we're doing with them
- what we're doing with the time to make it count
- what we're doing to make all of our time count

To what do we apply ourselves continually? *That's to wisdom!*

We know that the Scriptures talk about wisdom and understanding, having that relationship with God. God gives us wisdom. Keeping God's laws and commandment gives us understanding. We also will look at some other things that we have through this calling that also gives us wisdom.

There is a time of life after conversion until the resurrection. All of us in the Church who are in covenant, we experience that time.

1-Peter 1:13: "For this reason, be prepared in your minds, be self-controlled, **and be fully hoping in the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**"

That's what we're all hoping for; this hope we have in the resurrection and be the firstfruits in the Kingdom of God.

Verse 14: "As obedient children, do not conform yourselves to the former lusts, *as you did in your* ignorance. But according as He Who has called you *is* Holy, you yourselves also be Holy in all *your* conduct; for it is written, 'You be Holy because I am Holy.' And if you call upon the Father, Who judges according to each man's work without respect of persons, pass the time of your *life's* journey in *the fear of God*" (vs 14-17).

That's this life's journey; this time that we're in right now until our death or change—whichever comes first—needs to be in the fear of God! All of us need to call upon God! We do! This is part of this conversion and life that we lives; we continually call upon the Father because we need His presence in our life.

Time really is of the essence! How we use our time and what we're doing with our time, making sure we redeem it. Once it's past, if we don't

take advantage of it, it's gone! Let's see what Paul say about redeeming of the time:

Ephesians 5:14: "Therefore, He says, '*You* who are sleeping—wake up, and arise from the dead! And Christ shall shine upon you.' So then, take heed that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as those who are wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. For this reason, do not be foolish, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*" (vs 14-17).

We know what God's will is in us; that we be complete and like Christ. That we read a point that, from a harvest standpoint, spiritually we are mature as children of God.

The important thing there is to keep our mind on ***redeeming the time*** that we have each day, because the days are evil. As we see this world, and what's going on now, in my life I know that I've never seen a time like this. A lot of things certainly are going on right now.

It's important as we redeem the time and think about these things that we keep our mind always on what lies ahead.

Philippians 3:7: "Yet, the things that were gain to me, these things I have counted *as* loss for the sake of Christ."

We know that Paul was a talented person. He had a lot of zeal for what he did. A lot of accomplishments in life, in the world in the physical life before his conversion. But he says that because of Christ he count's all of these things as being a loss.

Verse 8: "But then truly, I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord; for Whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count *them* as dung; that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is derived* from law, but that *righteousness*, which *is* by *the* faith of Christ, the righteousness of God *that is* based on faith" (vs 8-9).

We walk by faith! A lot of things we may not completely understand right now, or as Paul talks about in Corinthians, we 'look through a dark glass' but nonetheless, we have faith in these things. Faith in God's Word that these things will come to pass that our hope is in.

Verse 10: "That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; if by any means I may attain unto the resurrection of the dead" (vs 10-11)—*the harvest!*

Verse 12: "Not as though I have already

received, or have already been perfected; **but I am striving**... [Paul kept his mind continually on what lay ahead] ...so that I may also lay hold on that for which I also was laid hold of by Christ Jesus."

That's why Christ was involved in our lives, and why He came and did what He did for us, that we have this opportunity.

Verse 13: "Brethren, I do not count myself as having attained; but *this* one thing *I do*—forgetting the things that are behind, and reaching forth to the things that are ahead, I press toward *the* goal for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. So then, let as many as *be* perfect be of this mind. And if *in* anything you are otherwise minded, God will reveal even this to you" (vs 13-15).

We move ahead, move forward and we forget what lay behind. We forget about the things that we went through before conversion, the things we were a part of before conversion.

This is continual in our lives. We continually move forward from what happened yesterday in our lives. Things may not have gone right and well for us. Things that we may have needed to repent of, whatever that may have been. Today, yesterday, tomorrow; we move forward again and put those things behind us.

In the Church we have a lot of different experiences and a lot of the Church members have had bad experience within the Church; those things we, too, have to put behind us and move forward, and consider this calling and how great it is. We have to get our mind continually looking forward and can't be dwelling in the past.

As we keep our mind on what lies ahead, we also need to keep our mind on the spiritual things, not just what lies ahead as far as the resurrection, but the spiritual things in our lives. Keep those things in our mind. The Psalms said that as we pass this time of life, as we ask God to count our days, we also want to make sure that we're applying ourselves to the wisdom of God.

James 3:13: "Who *is* wise and understanding among you? Let him demonstrate his works through good conduct in *the* meekness of wisdom."

If there is wisdom among us—and there should be in God's people—it's demonstrated through our actions and example to one another in the good works of conduct and in meekness and wisdom.

Verse 14: "But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not boast and lie against the Truth. This wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, sensual *and* demonic;

because where bitter envying and selfish ambition *are*, there *is* dissension and every evil thing” (vs 14-16).

Don't we see this continually in the world? Most of you have worked in the world, gone to school in the world—whatever part you have had—you know how the world works, and that is the wisdom of the world. But it also can be the wisdom within the Church that we have to be on guard of.

If we see these things within the Church, or possibly within ourselves—“...envying and selfish ambition *are*, there *is* dissension and every evil thing”—if we're not careful. So, we need to be looking for these things. The wisdom that God wants us to have our mind on—that we want to apply ourselves to that comes from above—is:

Verse 17: “But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceful, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and without hypocrisy. Now, *the* fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace” (vs 17-18).

That's the wisdom that we surely want to apply to ourselves, because that's the wisdom from above.

1-Corinthians 1:26: “For you see your calling, brethren, that *there are* not many who are wise according to the flesh, not many who are powerful, not many who are highborn *among you*.”

I think we can attest to that. There are not a lot of Hollywood actors or politicians or professional athletes in the Church. There are not of leaders of companies, CEOs and presidents.

Verse 27: “Rather, God has chosen the foolish things of the world, so that He might put to shame those who are wise... [those who consider themselves to be wise or the ones that others should attain to or look to] ...and **God has chosen the weak things of the world so that He might put to shame the strong things. And the lowborn of the world, and the despised has God chosen—even the things that are counted as nothing—in order that He might bring to nothing the things that are**” (vs 27-28).

We know this world is going away! Certainly the things of this world will be nothing. That's not us! We are something in God's eyes; special. He's called us! It's good to keep in mind who we are and this opportunity that God's given us and the knowledge and understanding that we have, that the world doesn't have!

Verse 29: “So that no flesh might glory in His presence. But **you are of Him in Christ Jesus, Who was made to us wisdom from God...** [think

about that] ...even righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption” (vs 29-30)

When it talks about applying our heart to wisdom, Christ was made wisdom for us. Think about what Christ went through for us so that we can have this opportunity, and have Jesus Christ and God dwelling in us with Their Holy Spirit. The wisdom that we have surpasses anything that this world has. The things mentioned here:

- righteousness
- sanctification
- redemption

These are the things that we have through this calling! This is the wisdom that we should continually apply ourselves to. This is the wisdom that we should make the time count with as we're on this walk.

Philippians 1:9: “And this I pray: that your love may abound yet more and more in all knowledge and understanding in order that you may approve the things that are excellent, so that you may be pure and without offense unto *the* day of Christ” (vs 9-10).

That's what we need to be doing this for, applying ourselves.

Verse 11^[transcriber's correction]: “Being filled with *the* fruits of righteousness, which *are* by Jesus Christ, unto *the* praise and glory of God.” *The wisdom that Paul talks about to the Corinthians!*

This is a part of applying ourselves to this, to having this mind, this knowledge, this understanding continually. Paul understood this! Paul embodied this mind and attitude after his conversion. He was into 100% and so should we be.

With the theme of making time count in our spiritual lives and walk to the harvest. Keeping our mind continually on the spiritual things.

Titus 2:11: “For the grace of God, which brings salvation for all men, has appeared; teaching us that, having denied ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live moderately and righteously and Godly in this present world” (vs 11-12).

That's a challenge sometimes, especially with our human nature and things we aspire to do or get involved in, but the instruction here are in this world in which we live is to live moderately. Live righteously and Godly.

Verse 13: “Looking... [always looking ahead] ...for the blessed hope and *the* appearing of the glory of our Savior and great God Jesus Christ; Who gave Himself for us, so that He might redeem us from all lawlessness, and might purify for

Himself a unique people, zealous of good works” (vs 13-14).

Yes, we are a unique people! All of us who are called; very unique. There are not a lot of us in this world that God is working with at this time. But certainly, we are special to God. Hopefully we are a people who are zealous of good works.

Time goes quickly! Life goes quickly! The time we look at from Passover, the days of Unleavened Bread and all the way up to Pentecost and the counting of those day—count 50 days—it goes by quickly. ***Our salvation is always near!***

Romans 13:11: “Now *consider* this, knowing the time, that *it is* already *the hour that* we should be roused out of sleep; because our salvation *is* nearer now than when we first believed. The night is almost over and the day is drawing near; therefore, let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light” (vs 11-12).

Our salvation is always near! It will come eventually if we’re faithful to the end, but we don’t know when that might be. God’s granted a lot of life and years to a lot of people. Again, that salvation that we look to and hope for, we don’t know when it will come for us individually. That’s why ***we have to be diligent every day in what we do, and make the time count!***

We had a man in our fellowship group here in Cincinnati—going back several years ago in the early 2000s—who had hard issues for quite some time. He suffered a pretty severe heart attack. At that time, God had mercy on him, and because of the medical profession they were able to bring him back. But his heart had stopped. If it wasn’t for the mercy of God and those health professionals he would have gone ahead and went sleep at that time.

I remember that after he healed up from that and was able to come back to services with us, he said something that has always stuck with me. That is, when it comes to life, having life and this time, it hit home with him that when you have life and this time, how many things can you take care of spiritually that you need to take care of.

He knew that in his life that there were some things that he needed to do and take care of, and do better at. He knew that he had a chance to have more life and time to do some of those things spiritually, so he could grow, develop, mature, and be more ready for the harvest.

That was a pretty impressive thing that he said there, and he has several more years of life before he finally did pass away.

That was a great example and something I will always remember. ***It’s very important while we have the time to take care of a lot of the things we need to, spiritually!***

A lot of us, individually, know the things that we need to take care of. We just read that what Paul wrote to the Philippians that ***if there’s another mind that’s in us that God will reveal thing to us that we need to be doing and taking care of!***

As we move forward in time, we need to make sure that we’re on guard at all times; that we’re not falling back. It’s really easy to fall back, to lose that enthusiasm and zealousness and get ourselves caught up in things that we shouldn’t be.

Colossians 1:21: “For you *were* once alienated and enemies in *your* minds by wicked works; but now He has reconciled *you* in the body of His flesh through death, to present you Holy and unblamable and unimpeachable before Him; if indeed you continue in the faith grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the Gospel, which you have heard, *and* which was proclaimed in all the creation that *is* under heaven; of which I, Paul, became a servant” (vs 21-23).

We need to make sure that we’re not moved away from this calling and what God expects us to do in the completion of this covenant that we’re in; that we continue in this faith steadfast and grounded in! ***That we’re not moved from the hope of the Gospel! That we’re not moved by any other gospel!***

There’s only one Gospel, the Gospel of Jesus Christ! The Gospel that pertains to:

- our calling
- salvation
- repentance
- receiving of the Holy Spirit
- the Kingdom

the things that Christ preached!

Those are the Gospels that we need to have our mind set upon and make sure that we’re locked into! To make sure that we don’t reach a point where we find ourselves listening to *another* gospel. There are a lot out there! Even in the Churches of God there are a lot of different gospels ***that aren’t of Jesus Christ!***

We have to be on guard for that, because we want to be steadfast in ***the Gospel, the hope of the Gospel that we were called to, the Gospel of Christ!***

I tell you one thing we should all be on guard on is the gospel of speculation; there’s a lot out there. It’s good to think about things, and how they may be, but we have to be on guard that

speculation doesn't become the gospel. *The Gospel is the Truth!* It's going to come to pass. We know it, read it in God's Word, and we're confirmed in it. We need to be careful about that, that we stay unmoved and unchanged, and *be grounded in the Gospel of Jesus Christ!*

I tell you, just another thought about speculation, if you want to read a couple books that talk a lot about what we should be learning and teaching, read what Paul wrote to Timothy, and how important it is the things that we learn and the things that we teach, that they are doctrinal. The Gospels of Christ! It's really important that we stay focused on those things, and not the speculations and some of the other things that we get ourselves involved in and spend a lot of time on. We have to be on guard!

1st & 2nd Timothy are great books to read about what Paul admonished Timothy to teach and do.

Philippians 2:19: "Now I trust in *the* Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon that I may also be encouraged when I know your state of affairs; for I have no one who is likeminded, who has genuine concern for you" (vs 19-20). *That's a great thing to be said of Timothy!*

Verse 21: "**For all are seeking their own things, not the things of Christ Jesus.** But you know the proof of him, that as a child with a father, he served with me in the Gospel" (vs 21-22).

We have to be on guard in that (v 21) ourselves. The ministry has to be on guard for that, that none of us start seeking our own things, teaching our own things and words; learning other things than what's written in God's Word and not seeking the things of Jesus Christ.

If we're not careful on this spiritual walk we're on, we can find ourselves falling back in love with world! Falling back in love with things that we came out of. There's an example of a person that Paul wrote about that this happened to.

A lot of things are written in God's Word that was canonized for us that might not have much information about it, but nonetheless, it was written for a reason: for our growth, development and edification. Maybe for correction or for our conviction. But in every Word of God there's something for us, even though sometimes it doesn't say a lot about the particulars of the circumstances.

2-Timothy 4:9: "Be diligent to come to me quickly; for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present age, and has gone to Thessalonica; Crescens, to Galatia; Titus, to Dalmatia" (vs 9-10).

That was written for us! We want to make

sure that we don't find ourselves where we go back in love with this present age, this world.

Demas is also mentioned in Colossians and Philemon. At that time he was mentioned as a 'fellow worker' of Paul—perhaps five or so years earlier. He assisted and helped Paul. These things are in here for us, and this was something Paul specifically wrote to Timothy, to point this individual and what had happened, maybe to help Timothy or encourage him. Demas had forsaken Paul because he loved the world at this particular time. So, we need to make sure ourselves, because this is written so that we don't fall in love again with this present age or this world and find ourselves slipping back.

We need to make our time count with each other, the brethren. I know that the brethren really enjoy being together. This really is important that we make that time count. God loves to see His people together rejoicing in peace and harmony with one another in the Spirit.

1-Peter 4:1: "Consequently, since Christ has suffered for us in *the* flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind because the one who has suffered in *the* flesh has finished *living* in sin."

That's our mind, though we are still in the flesh. Those of us who have this mind of Christ are attempting to put these things away and move forward.

Verse 2: "*To this end: that* he no longer live *his* remaining time in *the* flesh to *the* lusts of men, but to the will of God."

Verse 7: "Now the end of all things has drawn near. Therefore, be serious-minded and be watchful in prayers; but above all, have fervent love among yourselves because love will cover a multitude of sins" (vs 7-8).

We know that this is an attitude that God looks for in us; this fervent love for one another! It comes from inside and is genuine and true. God looks for this in all of us! He expects us to love much, and much is forgiven!

So, there is an inner action there between our attitude with love and how we have love for one another, and consider one another in the covering of sins.

Verse 9: "*Be* hospitable to one another without complaining."

That's hard to do, but all of our jobs is to be hospitable to each of the brethren in any way we can.

Verse 10: "*Let* each one, according as he has

received a gift *from God, be using* it to serve the others as good stewards of *the* grace of God, *which* manifests *itself* in various ways.”

All the things that we have individually, the gifts that God has given us, we need to be using those things to help and serve one another. God is looking for us to do this.

Verse 11: “If anyone speaks, *let it be* as the words of God...”

There’s a lot said there and something to be mindful of. How we speak and how we conduct ourselves!

“...if anyone serves, *let it be* as from *the* strength which God supplies; **so that in everything, God may be glorified**... [that’s the whole purpose] **...through Jesus Christ** to Whom is the glory and the power into the ages of eternity. Amen” (v 11).

It’s important that as we are in this process of life, or we count the time, use the time, make it count, and make it count with each other. Loving the brethren and taking the time to do this continually.

It definitely reveals our spiritual maturity, the love we have for each other. In the spiritually mature, this will be seen. I always like to use the example of the time we have with each other at the Feast. We have a really good time at the Feast every year with the brethren.

Certainly, it’s an example of how we should be around each other as we keep the Feast and look forward to that time when we’ll be in the Kingdom. First of all the thousand years, and then on into eternity with each other. The Feast is a great time for us to spend together, showing that love for each other, but more importantly, the love that we have toward God and Christ in glorifying Them.

The Feast is an excellent time when we’re all together rejoicing in that way. We have to get use to each other, because we’re all going to be with each other for a long time, forever! That’s what we have to look forward to, and that’s why it’s important to consider making that time count with one another.

The goal for all of us is a to be harvested, when God desires that and we’re spiritually mature to be harvested as firstfruits.

- In being harvested, what do we want to resemble?
- Where do we want to be at in our lives spiritually?

Ephesians 4:15: “But holding the Truth in love, may in all things grow up into Him Who is the Head, *even* Christ.”

That is the goal for all of us, to grow up into Who Christ was as He lived this physical life; how He lived it and conducted Himself. What He continually kept His mind on! What His words were! That’s Who we grow up into, our elder Brother Jesus Christ, be imitators of Him! We know that the hope is in Him, and that hope occurred. He died and was resurrected, and now He sits at the right hand of God in glory. They’re both awaiting when we will be with Them, also.

We read what Paul wrote about Demas and said that he loved this present age and forsook Paul. We can just hope that Demas came to himself at some point and repented and again became a strong fellow work of Paul and the other brethren and continued on in the faith. Hopefully he did that!

But I want to look at a person who was faithful and a great example for us as we think about this walk we’re on to the Kingdom, to be harvested pictured by the Feast of Pentecost.

Example, Num. 14: It was time for Israel to go into the ‘promised land’ and they sent out a man from every tribe to spy out the land. It didn’t turn out too well. Ten didn’t come back convicted of the promise that God gave to the children of Israel to go in and inherit the land. They had doubts and had forgotten a lot of the things that had been done for them.

Two, however, had a different attitude about them. They were ready to go in, and they fully believed in the promises of God and what had been done.

Because Israel didn’t go in, we know there was a penalty, that for 40 years they would have to be in the wilderness. All those ages 20 and up wouldn’t have the opportunity to go in.

Numbers 14:21: “But truly, *as* I live, all the earth shall be filled *with* the glory of the LORD.”

Yes, all the earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord at some point! Everyone shall know Who God is.

Verse 22: “Because all those men who have seen My glory and My miracles which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted Me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to My voice, surely they shall not see the land, which I swore to their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked Me see it” (vs 22-23).

- Do we remember seeing the glory of God?
- Do we remember the miracles that God has done in our lives?

There is glory in us through the indwelling of

God's Spirit in this calling that God has given us! This personal rescuing we have had from the power of darkness! That's a miracle in itself!

In all the things that's happened to us in our calling and conversion, all the things that God has worked in our life:

- helping us
- rescuing us
- healing us
- giving us spiritual knowledge and understanding
- giving us wisdom
- His Word
- the future in what's going to happen
- Do we forget all of these things that God has done for us?
- in us?
- through us?
- around us?
- individually and collectively in the Church?

Hopefully, we don't because we, in the same way, have experienced all these things, too, and we need to be mindful of that. Yes, we want to go in! When the time is right we want to be harvested! We want to be part of that resurrection of the firstfruits on Pentecost! That's what we look forward to!

Verse 24: "But My servant Caleb... [hopefully that can be said of all of us] ...because he had another spirit with him and has followed Me fully, I will bring him into the land into which he went. And his children shall possess it."

I just bring this out as an example for us today! This is who we need to be, just as Caleb was. A unique people, all of us individually. A zealous people! A people with:

- a different spirit about us
- a different attitude and desire
- a different confidence and zeal

Looking forward to the Kingdom! That's the spirit that we need to have about us. That's the spirit that Caleb had about him. That confidence, that yes:

Let's go in; these are the promises of God. These things will happen! This is what God told us would occur! That's was His hope, and we have our hope.

He followed God fully! That's what we have to do, each of us. We have to make sure that we follow God fully! That's the only that we can do this correctly; we have to fully belong to God! Fully follow Him always! A great example for us, looking at Caleb.

Psalm 90:12: "So, teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom." *That's what we need to do!*

Pray to God continually that He will help us with that, numbering and considering our days in this time that we have, making it count. Applying ourselves to this wisdom, some of the things we covered in this message.

Verse 13: "Return, O LORD! **How long?....**"

- Do we feel that way?
- Do we really want the return of Jesus Christ?

That's the only way we're going to be harvested, through the return of Jesus Christ!

- Do we want the return of Jesus Christ?
- Do we think, 'How long?'

Paul talked about that to Timothy about when his time would come. His departure was coming and knew that. He knew that there was a 'crown of righteousness' laid up for him. He talked about how that 'crown of righteousness' was not just for him, but it was for all who loved the appearance of Jesus Christ! It made me think about this when the question is asked:

Verse 13: "Return, O LORD! **How long?....**"

- Do we love the appearing of Jesus Christ?
- Is that our desire?
- Do we love the thought of His appearing?

If we're not there, we will reach that point where we just want, desire so much for Christ's return! As this world continues to get weaker, and we move on toward the end-time, **we will be desiring that**. This whole world can be rescued from this power of darkness.

"...And show compassion to Your servants.... [all of us] ...O satisfy us in the morning with Your mercy, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days" (vs 13-14).

That's something that we can pray for every morning when we pray to God, thanking Him for His mercy, that we can rejoice in our days and be glad in all of our days for what we have and what we know.

Verse 15: "**Make us glad** according to the days wherein you have afflicted us, the years in which we have seen evil. Let Your work appear unto Your servants and Your glory unto their children.... [it has; God works His glory and it has appeared to us] ...And let the graciousness of the LORD our

God be upon us... [it certainly is] ...and establish the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands, establish it" (vs 15-17).

God does! He does establish the work of four hands:

- ***if*** we are faithful to Him
- ***if*** we are steadfast
- ***if*** we are grounded
- ***if*** we make use of this time and make it count
 - ✓ to the glory God
 - ✓ to the glory of Jesus Christ

Looking forward to the harvest, God is there to make sure that our hands—the things we find ourselves doing—is established and this time is spent preparing ourselves for the Kingdom!

As we look forward this coming Feast of Pentecost, picturing the harvest of the firstfruits, let's make our time count continually! ***Let's think upon these things, and look forward to that day when we will be with Christ, God the Father and all the brethren!***

Scriptural References:

- 1) Psalm 90:9-12
- 2) 1 Peter 1:13-17
- 3) Ephesians 5:14-17
- 4) Philippians 3:7-15
- 5) James 3:13-18
- 6) 1 Corinthians 1:26-30
- 7) Philippians 1:9-11
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- 9) Romans 3:11-12
- 10) Colossians 1:21-23
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