

In the Fullness of Time

In the fullness of time is a very strange phrase. When you add the word fullness to the word time you think it means the end of time. The phrase “in the fullness of time” is found only one place....in the Bible; which is the Autobiography of God.

Have you ever in your lifetime given any thought at all to where the concept of time comes from?

Do you know where or when time began?

It is only recently after turning 65 that time has become an interesting study for me. Based on the insurance companies actuary table calculations of the life expectancy of men, I only have a few good years left to live.

If I really believed that I certainly would be one very depressed person. Yet being a human with a mind to think and having the ability to reason along with being able to discern what is trueI am not unhappy at all.

Why you may ask? Because I am held firmly in the hands of the great I AM. HE created me and HE created time. The phrase “in the fullness of time” can be found in the book of Ephesians Ch.1 vs 3-10. It refers to the birth of the Messiah...the SAVIOR....who came for one purpose to SEEK and SAVE the LOST....who desperately need to be FOUND.

HE literally came to save YOU from yourself.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as **he chose us in him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

In love he **predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will**, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ **as a plan for the fullness of time**, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.”

So do I only have a few short years to live or am I somehow tied into something greater that extends my life further? **And is there a person I can put my confidence in** that is unaffected by the physical natural laws that affect my bodies continual journey back to the dust that the insurance companies tell me is the Truth?

YES, there is only one person who comes to mind that has touched the world and me personally.

Let me give you some of His accomplishments to consider.

- ...He spoke the universe into existence from nothing
- ...He created you and I
- ...He created Angels
- ...He parted the waters of the Red Sea
- ...He became a baby born of a virgin
- ...He became the God/Man
- ...He commanded a storm to be still and walked on water
- ... He healed the sick and the lame
- ...He healed the deaf, the dumb and the blind
- ...He created limbs where none existed
- ...He fed thousands from a child's sack lunch
- ...He commanded fallen angels / demons to come out of people
- ...He raised the dead and gave them life
- ...He is a real person
- ...He lived a real life and walked this Earth
- ...He died a real death on the Cross
- ...He came back from the dead

I do not know what the future holds ...But I do know who holds the future in His Hands ! And He is coming back again soon!

There is no one like Him. Mountains bow down before HIM. Every ocean roars to the Lord of Hosts, Eternity's only KING. Who is like HIM, The Lion and the Lamb seated on the Throne?

Nations will bow down to HIM and the Angels bow down to the one who **Was** and **Is** and **Is to Come**. Only He commands my interest. Only He can answer those question's that used to torment my soul:

Who am I? I am a child of God; Jesus is my Lord, and my King. I was given to Jesus by God as a love gift. I am one of His sheep.

How did I get here? God said in Psalm 139 vs 13 that He knew me before I was in my Mothers womb in eternity past. God said in Romans 8 vs.29, that whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become a believer in His Son Jesus.

What am I to do here on earth? I am to live out the “Great Commission”: To make disciples of all nations, teaching people about the word of God; telling all the Good News of John 3:16.

Where am I going when I die? Because Jesus died for my sins and He was resurrected, and He is alive today; I too will live forever with Him in heaven because I accepted Him as my Lord and Savior.

The gates of Heaven will open up to me at the command of the One who arranged the stars and called them all by name.

“Because He lives” are the 3 small words I base my entire existence upon. They form a foundation of how I should be witnessing to those all around me.

JESUS is looking for those that seek Him. Today there are very few people that are truly seeking Him. Throughout the Old and New Testaments only one message clearly comes through.

That there have always been and always will be the many and the few, the lost and the found; the Un-Saved and SAVED!

If you tell people they need to be saved they have no idea what you are talking about. Saved from What ?...is their answer.

As difficult as it is to saythe answer is saved from the coming Judgment and Wrath of a Holy God.

History is rooted in time, but the time is coming when time will be no more.

When I pray for people to witness too I ask God to bring those that are sincerely seeking Him. I am called by Christ to be able to defend my faith in this battle for the minds, hearts and souls of people. That battle usually comes when people attack my faith. I do not expect to win over people who attack my faith because their purpose is only to attack.

But by being able to defend my faith, standing in strength in front of those that attack me; those people around me listening and watching see and hear that I do not believe in myths, fairy tales or legends.

My faith in Christ can be defended using History, Archeology, Science and most of all Prophecy (Gods pre-written history).

My faith is in someone real. Both His life and His Death and Resurrection are rooted in history. Explaining those documented facts is the only topic and the only point of witnessing.

That is why Jesus asks you the question that echo's throughout time...
"Who do **you** say that I am?"

JESUS is the ONLY ONE who lived and died and now is alive again ...the SON of GOD, the Christ of HIS True Church and the Messiah of Israel.

Never before had a king died only to succeed himself to the throne.

But Christ did:

Never before had a man been crucified and buried only to emerge bodily three days later.

But Christ did:

Never before had a man endured such human hatred in order to demonstrate such divine love.

But Christ did:

No other: event in human history could be so aptly described as "old, yet forever new."

No other: single piece of good news has brought more comfort, more encouragement, and more peace to more people than the ringing declaration...

"HE is RISEN!"

The closing words in the Book of Revelation, the Greatest Story Ever Told, is the promise from the ONE who rose from the dead....to All Mankind...

"Surely, I Am Coming Quickly"

Jesus