

TRUSTING GOD'S TIMING

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What Jesus's Birth Tells Us About God's Timing:

- I) God has a _____ for everything that happens.
- A) "There is an appointed time for everything, and there is a right time for every activity under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1 NAB
 - B) But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. Galatians 4:4-5
- II) God does not tell us the _____ in advance.
- A) God has given them a desire to know the future. He does everything just right and on time, but people can never completely understand what he is doing. Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NCV)
 - B) He told them, "You don't get to know the time. Timing is the Father's business. Acts 1:7 (MSG)
- III) God is Always _____.
- A) But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. 2 Peter 3:8
 - B) This vision-message is a witness pointing to what's coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn't lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It's on its way. It will come right on time. Habakkuk 2:3 (MSG)
- IV) God's timing is not always _____ for me.
- At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire... And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. He took with him Mary, his fiancée, who was now obviously pregnant. And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. Luke 2:1, 4-6
- V) At the right time, God can do anything _____.
- A) ... At the right time, I, the LORD, will make it happen." Isaiah 60:22b
 - B) This is what the LORD says: "At just the right time, I will respond to you... Isaiah 49:8a

What Does God Want Me To Do While I'm Waiting?

- I) Fear not: _____.

- A) But Jesus overheard them and said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid. Just have faith." Mark 5:36
- B) But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hands... Psalm 31:14-15a (NIV)
- C) But I pray to you, LORD. So when the time is right, answer me and help me with your wonderful love. Psalm 69:13 (CEV)

II) Fret not: _____.

- A) Be still in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes. Psalm 37:7
- B) Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Philippians 4:6 (MSG)
- C) So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. 1 Peter 5:6
- D) So be content with who you are, and don't put on airs. God's strong hand is on you; he'll promote you at the right time. 1 Peter 5:6 (MSG)

III) Forget not: _____.

- A) But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it. James 1:25
- B) Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do. Psalm 1:1-3

IV) Faint not. _____.

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. Galatians 6:9

It Is Always The Right Time To:

I) _____ to God.

- A) Now it's time to change your ways! Turn to face God so he can wipe away your sins, pour out showers of blessing to refresh you, Acts 3:19 (MSG)
- B) ... with great compassion I will take you back. Isaiah 54:7b

II) Receive the _____ of Jesus.

- A) He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time. 1 Timothy 2:6
- B) For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2