

Faith Christian Fellowship
June 4, 2017
Due Season
3: Just for the Hell of It

TEXT: Ecclesiastes 3:1 / Revelation 20:10-15

At the end of last year, the Lord said for 2017 we were to build our faith, share our faith, and stand in the gap. As part of that instruction He told me to “study seasons.” He said we are about to see three seasons overlap: Unprecedented blessing on those who dwell close to Him, Ezekiel 34:26; harvest from the years of planting, Galatians 6:9; an open window of opportunity to reach people, 2 Timothy 4:2.

Last week: We looked at harvest in the lives of God’s people who live close to Him and are firmly planted, and harvest for seeds that have been planted for many years. Today: we are living in an open window of opportunity to reach folks, but it’s gonna take some gumption.

1) A silent majority is waiting for you

- a) Here is exactly what the Lord put in my heart: Dan. 2: 20-22.
We are in a new season; there will be calm before the storm.
Don't ignore this window. The dark is getting darker; there is a window of light. **The seeds of many decades are waiting to spring up.** There is a **silent majority in the Spirit** just like in the election. They are out there. They are hungry. Don't let the media convince you that everyone is an idiot.
- b) The Silent Majority was a term used by Richard Nixon to appeal to many millions who were appalled by what they saw on TV, but who didn't know how to respond. Here in Tucson, tens of thousands are yearning for a real answer and a hope.
- c) Christian Marketing 101: 1 Peter 3:14-16

2) The Demise of Hell: Evangelism Killer #1

- a) Hell is no longer considered politically correct. Common **fallacies:** Physical death is the end of existence; God is a good God, all will eventually go to heaven (Universal Salvation); Hell is the grave; Hell is figurative and/or we make our own hell here on earth; Hell is not eternal; Reincarnation / Purgatory
- b) The Bible teaches that the unrighteous dead are immediately incarcerated in Hades. Hebrews 9:27 / Luke 16:22,23
- c) No Hell, no justice beyond what we get here, and therefore no hope for the righteous or retribution for the sinner.
- d) No Hell, no real passion to reach anyone with the Gospel. If salvation is only for this life, Paul said, “And if our hope in Christ

is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.” (1 Corinthians 15:19 NLT)

3) What about the Bible Hell?

- a) Sheol, or Hades, is the area under the earth.
 - i) The place of departed spirits. Luke 16:19-25
 - ii) Divided into at least two compartments. Luke 16:26 / 23:43
- b) At the ascension of Jesus, the place of righteous dead (Paradise, Abraham's Bosom) was moved to heaven. Ephesians 4:8-10 / 2 Corinthians 12:1-4
- c) At the end of the Millennial Reign of Christ, all the unrighteous dead will be cast into Gehenna, the Lake of Fire, along with Satan and his cohorts.
 - i) The Great White Throne: A judgment for all those whose names are not written in the Book of Life. Rev. 20:11-15
 - ii) This is eternal. Matthew 25:41 / Mark 10:43,45 / Rev. 20:10
 - iii) There is great anguish in Hell. Luke 16:23-24 / Ps. 116:3 / 18:5
- d) There is justice in Hell. Matt 23:14-15 / 33-3 / 11:21-24 / Mark 6:10-11 / 2 Peter 2:3 (9)
- e) All men will spend eternity with their (L)ord. Everyone lives forever, the question is where and with whom: Daniel 12:2 / Acts 24:15
 - i) Hell was not prepared for man and is not the will of God. Matthew 25:41 / 2 Peter 3:9
 - ii) John 16:7-12 Unbelief is the sin that condemns: 2 Cor. 5:19
 - iii) In rejecting Christ, men reject the goodness of God, and spend eternity in His judgment, sharing in the fate of Satan. Romans 11:22
 - (1) John 3:16-19 Choosing darkness leads to condemnation
 - (2) Mark 16:15-16. (John 3:36 / 8:24 / 12:47-48 / 13:46 / 2 Thess. 1:8 / 2:12 / Rev. 20:15 / 21:8)
- f) God is eternally merciful and inherently just. The two are reconciled in Jesus. Psalms 85:9-11. Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land. (10) **Mercy and truth have met together;** Righteousness and peace have kissed. (11) Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.