



August 21, 2011

**Love God.
Love each other.
Serve the world.**

“Three Time Zones”

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.⁷ Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

INTRODUCTION

Time Zone #1: The _____
Ephesians 5:15-16
“Secularism”

Time Zone #2: The _____
Deuteronomy 32:7 Remember (168) the days of old, consider the years of many generations; ask your father, and he will show you, your elders, and they will tell you.

Job 12:12 _____ is with the aged, and understanding in length of days.

Leviticus 19:32 *"Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the Lord.*

Luke 1:50 *His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.*

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DANGER! *Mark 7:6-8*

Time Zone #3: The _____

Hebrews 12:1-3 *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. ²Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

Three "encouragements" from Pastor Bob:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Three Times Zones of the GOSPEL!

A Puritan Prayer from *The Valley of Vision* “Retrospect and Prospect”

SUPREME RULER OF THE VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE WORLDS,
My heart is drawn out to thee

for thy amazing grace and condescension.

Thou hast kept my conversion fresh before me,
that season of my first spiritual comfort
when I passed through the Red Sea
by a way I did not expect.

I rejoiced then for that unthought-of passage,
that delivered me from the fear of the Egyptian
when I had almost despaired of life.

I rejoice now as these things are fresh and lively in my mind.

My soul melts when I think of thy days of old with me,
when a poor worthless creature
without wisdom to direct or strength to help myself
was laid under the happy necessity
of living upon thee and finding thy consolations large.

Thou art my divine treasury in whom all fullness dwells,
my life, hope, joy, peace, glory, end;

May I be daily more and more conformed to thee,
with the meekness and calmness of the Lamb in my soul,
and a feeling sense of the felicity of heaven,
where I long to join angels free from imperfections,
where in me the image of my adored Saviour
will be completely restored,
so that I may be fit for his enjoyments and employments.

I am not afraid to look the king of terrors in the face,
for I know I shall be drawn, not driven, out of the world.

Until then let me continually glow and burn out for thee,
and when the last great change shall come
let me awake in thy likeness,
leaving behind me an example that will glorify thee
while my spirit rejoices in heaven,
and my memory is blessed upon earth,
with those who follow me praising thee for my life.