

# Turn! Turn! Turn!

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

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- I. Intro
  - A. READ Philippians 2:1-4
- II. We live in seasons (v.1-8)
  - A. Describe a godly season
  - B. Cycles in psychology
  - C. Ties to beatitudes
- III. God has made everything beautiful in its time (v.11a)
  - A. This has two implications
    - i. God will make everything beautiful
    - ii. God will make it beautiful, in its time
      - 1. You could say, “in His time”
  - B. Things that God will make beautiful
    - i. Gospel seeds you sow
      - 1. John 4:35-38
    - ii. Sex
    - iii. Good times in your life
    - iv. Bad times in your life
      - 1. you play the cards any other way...
    - v. Anything that he is a part of (v.14)
  - C. Sometimes you need to wait to heaven
    - i. Wounds will be made whole again
- IV. You were created for eternity (v.11b & 14)
  - A. Ever have a feeling like there's more to this world than what meets the eye?
    - i. That's because there is
  - B. God has set eternity on your heart
  - C. ...But you can't put the pieces together
    - i. This is why its hard to live in seasons
  - D. EVERYTHING God does endures forever

V. Application (So What?)

A. Glorify God in all seasons (v.11)

- i. If you don't you'll miss the purpose of the season
- ii. He has you where you are for a purpose, don't miss it
- iii. Question everything

B. Know that God will make everything beautiful in its time (v.11)

- i. Cling to that!

C. Be happy and do good (v.12, 13)

- i. Notice that they are paired together
- ii. Don't separate them

D. Be a part of Godly things (v.14)

- i. They endure forever
- ii. God does these so that people will believe

VI. Conclude

A. Verses 11-15 are the central message of the book of Ecclesiastes. Miss them and miss the point of the book. They essentially are:

- i. Everything outside of God is meaningless
- ii. In God you can be happy and do good and what you do will endure forever.
- iii. God works this way so that ones may believe

B. Do you need to believe?

C. What season are you stuck in?

D. Are you trapped in a season you don't think is going to end?

E. No matter where you are, God will meet you in your season, and will make it beautiful in its time

F. Intro the song