

July 25, 2019

Dear friends in Christ,

I do not know if you have noticed, but we are approaching the end of July. Just a few more days and another month will be over. The summer is quickly passing by. It will not be long before we start talking about “back to school” time, if you have not already. I do not know about you, but I have not accomplished all that I had hoped to accomplish this summer. Throw in a week of vacation last week, and more time slipped by in terms of getting those things done.

The time away is important, however. We need times of rest and refreshment—times of Sabbath, if you will—in order to remain physically, mentally, and spiritually healthy. We often realize how precious a commodity time is. It cannot be reclaimed. More cannot be obtained. Once a moment is gone, it is completely gone. When we are in difficult times, that might be of some comfort as we know the time of difficulty is that much closer to being over. On the other hand, the awareness of time passing can also lead to concern or even panic as we realize how much less time we have to accomplish everything we are to accomplish.

How do we keep time in perspective? Maybe we simply do not. Maybe we just remember that all time is God’s. After all, He is the One who put things in motion in such a way that we mark days, months, and years (see Genesis 1:14-18). With that, we keep in mind that we are God’s, as well. As time goes by quickly—or even if time seems to go by slowly—we are in the time that God created and we are in His hands. His care for us is certain, and made more certain for us as we consider all that He has done for us in the sending of His Son. We are not only His creation; we are His redeemed!

Thus, as we look at the present moment and forge ahead into the time we have ahead of us, we do so with a wonderful reminder: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore (Psalm 121:8, esv).

In Christ,

Pastor O.

Heavenly Father, You have created all things and have blessed us with the days of this life. Help us to remember Your loving protection and care at all times, and to use faithfully the time You have granted us. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.