

Seasons: Joy, Purpose & Christ

Main Text – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11

To everything there is a season

- What are the seasons of life?
- In the next 7 verses (verse 2-8), the writer provides examples to exact opposites to every human action, including every sentiment and emotion
- This section realistically describes all of life experiences: what we will do, how we will feel, and what we will see, from the day we were born until the day we die. Within our lifespan, we will witness or be a part of these contrasting experiences
- It is important to acknowledge the seasons of life we must walk through

To every season, there is joy

Verse 4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance...

- Verse 4 portrays the richness of every human emotion and response to either a wonderful or dreadful experience
- It speaks of a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance
- These emotions and feelings mirrors life experiences clearly. Every activity whether pleasant or unpleasant will produce these emotions
- So how do we take joy this current season? Let us read **Nehemiah 8:9-12**

To every season, there is purpose

Verse 1b.....a time for every purpose under heaven

- We often hear “now is not the right time” or “I am waiting for the right season”. I believe there are wonderful opportunities especially in a “bad” season
- Seasons do not change: *Summer Autumn Winter Spring*. It is a constant and predictable cycle, that simply moves from one season to the next
- When life seasons change, we often feel overwhelmed and unprepared
- Our approach to life season must be the same with a natural season
- The key is to embrace each season and be purposeful – a time for every purpose
- You can create a **legacy in lockdown** for Jesus!

To every season, Christ is ever present

Ecclesiastes 3:11a He has made everything beautiful in its time...

- I know when we are stuck in our least favourite season, it is easy to stay idle and deflated
- Remember, the next season will come. He has made everything beautiful in its time!
- **Hebrews 4:14-15**
- **Hebrews 12:2**
- Every season is Christ infused as He experienced every pleasant and dreadful experience in those seven verses (Ecc 3:2-8)
- Knowing this will position us to enjoy every season and gives us strength to be purposeful
- What was the source of Jesus' joy? That He had completed His mission, His divine purpose to redeem humanity. The Son of Man crucified, the Son of glorified!

Conclusion

To everything in life, there is a season. Choose to be joyful and purposeful in each life season, especially during challenging ones. Christ endured every single season and is with you every step of the way. You can create a legacy in lockdown for Jesus!