

For Everything There Is a Season

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (KJV) *"To every [thing there is] a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:"*

Innovation involves trying things. It also means there are times for certain programs, events, and activities to end. Jesus challenged the religious establishment regarding their traditions in the New Testament. **Mark 7:8,13** *"Abandoning the command of God, you hold on to human tradition... You nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down and you do many other similar things."* We find many of the traditions of the 21st century church, have displaced and replaced the commandments and commission of Christ.

Noticeably, Churches have a difficult time letting a program die. They feel that ending an outreach program or stopping a particular event is a sign of failure. Being honest: if an event or program is no longer accomplishing the outreach goal it was designed to meet, it no longer fits; its season is over. Rather than putting it on life support, we should celebrate the great things that happened through this ministry and then let it die with dignity.

All of us who serve Jesus need to remember that he is in the resurrection business. The Good Street Baptist Church history records a past filled with great accomplishments. But not only corporately, but individually many of us can look back and reflect upon seasons of prosperity and progress. We've celebrated the good and lamented the bad, because for everything there's a season. This Bible truth gives hope in times of hopelessness. When we know that seasons change, we with patience can wait as Job did, and the prophet Isaiah encourages us to wait on the Lord, because for everything there is a season, and we know that this too will pass. Which suggests that as seasons change we to must adapt and adjust to that change. None of the things in our lives are exactly the same way they were two years ago, because for everything there is a season. So, let's praise God for the seasons of our past, the seasons joy and sorrow, gains and set backs, and triumphs and failures. And let us be willing to let go of those things that are no longer relevant in this season, no matter how valuable it was in its season. We might find that five or ten years from now, that old, dead ministry is just the right "new thing," and it can be resurrected.

I know some people who won't throw away their old bell-bottom jeans. They just know that one day they will be in style again, so they put them in the back of the closet or packed them in the attic, waiting to pull them out when the retro police declare that bell-bottoms are back in style. We can do the same with outreach ideas. If their season is over, we pack them away. Though they aren't a good fit right now, perhaps one day they will be back in style. But keep in mind as well, that even if the style has revolved; what may have been a good fit in that season, may not fit you in this season. Is the shape that you're in now, better or worse, and are you smaller, or bigger than you were then, than you are now? For everything... there is a season. As the seasons change, ready yourselves for change through faith in Gods word, and in obedience to the Spirit, that we *"be not weary in well doing, but in due season, you shall reap, if you don't give up (Gal. 6:9)."*

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Who Can Add to Christmas?

The perfect Motive is that God so loved the world.

The Perfect gift is that he gave his only son.

The only requirement is to believe in Him.

The Reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life.

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*Loving
Father,*

help us remember
the **birth of Jesus,**

that we may share in
the *song of the angels,*

the gladness of the shepherds,
and the **worship of the wise men.**

**Close the door of hate and
open the door of love all over the**

world. Let kindness come with every gift, and
good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from
evil by the *blessing which Christ brings,* and teach us
to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be *Thy children,* and the Christmas

evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,

forgiving and forgiven,

for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

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Luke 2:8-12 (NIV)

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."