

Life before death: Seasons

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

We have eternity in our hearts and time on our hands.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Ecclesiastes 3:17-21; Romans 8:19-21

God's got eternity under control, so we can enjoy the time we have.

Ecclesiastes 3:11-17; Colossians 1:19

Considerations for the week

Bad / good? Recall a circumstance that was bad when it occurred but later it was seen that God had used it for good.

A time. Review the "times" of verses 1-8. Which of these times have you experienced? Speculate upon how each may have shaped your life and may continue to do so.

Simple gifts, v 13. Sometimes it is difficult to enjoy life. Why is it important for us to understand these simple and ordinary gifts from God?

Eternity. What does it mean to have eternity in our hearts? Consider how knowledge of eternity might show up in us and in how we live our lives together.

Hope, v 14-15. "... whatever God does endures forever". How does this bring us hope?

Injustice, v 16-22. How might we use our knowledge of divine judgment to guide us in addressing social injustices?

Wisdom. Review Chapter 3 and select a few bits of wisdom given. How might this wisdom be applied in our relations with one another?

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.



He has made everything beautiful in its time.

Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

Ecclesiastes 3:11, ESV

Scripture read today
during worship:

James 4:13-15

Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at prayer@rtbchurch.org to let us know how we may pray for you.

Rice Temple Baptist Church

Today's order of service

Prelude, *To Worship You*

Welcome

Call to worship

Hymn 568, *God of the Ages*

Confession and assurance

Hymn, *Desert Song*

Hymn, *Rejoice*

Hymn, *Faithful Now*

Offertory

Reading

Special music, *Turn! Turn! Turn!*

Message

Hymn of response 496

It Is Well with My Soul

Benediction

Postlude, *Forever*

Weekly events

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm
pre-registration required

Women's Bible study, Tues. at 10 am or Thurs. at 7 pm

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner served, 5:30-6:30 pm. Menu: taco salad
(beef), fruit, cheesecake, ice cream

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the prayer room

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 6:00 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Sermon discussion on Zoom, 7 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational
English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Endurance men's Bible study, Thursday at 6pm
Focus: college-aged / young adult men

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am.
Meets this week, October 4

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-3pm

Daniel in Today's World:
What does the Lord require of us?

Sundays at 6:30 in the parlor
beginning October 5

Church Appreciation International and
intergenerational prayer night, October 18th

Got the app? You can download our
free mobile app by searching for "RTBC"
in the Apple or Android store.



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