

Rolling Back the Clock

This Sunday we honor the yearly practice of rolling back our clocks from Daylight Savings Time to Standard Time. Our days seem to get shorter, because it gets dark earlier. There is really only a small difference in time: one hour. How many people do you believe would like to roll the clock back more than one hour?

Some would like to roll the clock back to a time when they were young. The thought of getting older is scary for them. Looking in the mirror each day allows them to see hair that has turned grey, and others to see hair that has turned loose. So, days are spent pining away for their youth. The Proverb writer tells us, *A gray head is a crown of glory; it is found in the way of righteousness (16.31)*.

Some would like to roll the clock back to a fix a mistake. How many of us struggle with the thoughts of past sins, wishing we could go back and choose the path of righteousness? The Hebrew writer tells us, *And their sins and iniquities I will remember no more (10.17)*. If God has chosen to forget sins, then maybe we should also.

Some would like to roll the clock back to the good old days. Many people have a specific time in their minds when their lives seemed ideal. The only ideal time was in the Garden of Eden before the fall. In Genesis 3 the serpent enters and the ideal is gone.

Christians cannot live in the past. The past is important, but we are not told to dwell there. Even though we are to roll our clocks back this weekend, let us focus on today and make the most of it. The Hebrew writer exhorts, *But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called Today...(3.13)*. It has been said, "Today is a gift that is why we call it the present." May we live today for all it is worth, knowing that one day the clock will stop rolling.

In Him,
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