

THERE IS A REASON

I've seen hard times, and I've been told
There isn't any wonder that I fall
Why do we suffer, crossing off the years?
There must be a reason for it all

I've trusted in you Jesus,

To save me from my sin

Heaven is the place I call my home

But I keep on getting caught up

In this world I'm living in

And Your voice it sometimes fades before I know

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Hurtin' brings my heart to You
Crying with my need
Depending on Your love to carry me
The love that shed His blood
For all the world to see
This must be the reason for it all

Hurtin' brings my heart to You
A fortress in the storm
When what I wrap my heart around is gone
I give my heart so easily to the ruler of this world
When the One who loves me most
Will give me all

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In all the things that cause me pain
You give me eyes to see
I do believe but help my unbelief
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There is a reason for it all

The Judgment Seat of Christ (Pt. 4)

Rom. 14:10-12; 2 Cor. 5:10; 1 Cor. 3:6-15; 4:1-5

THE TRANSITION PERIOD (CIRCA 35 TO 64 AD) (Also called Acts Period)

Peter And The

God's Prophetic Program With the Nation of Israel: DIMINISHING

God's Mystery Program
With the Body of Christ:
INCREASING

Paul Wrote Romans 60 AD



Night of Israel's
Prophecy under
Gentile Darkness is
Far Spent. Rom. 13

Salvation

Is nearer.

Day is at

Rom. 13

Hand.

Body of
Christ
Salvation
And Day
Are here

Transition
Period
Over by Col. 1
Circa 64 AD



Israel's Prophetic Program Set Aside

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- 1. At the Judgment Seat, the whole Body of Christ will stand because God is holding them up. There we will come into a full understanding of our participation in what God is accomplishing through us as members of the Body of Christ in His Mystery Program, equipped to display His Glory especially in the Heavenly Realm.
 - a. There, we all will have God-given like-mindedness that will cause us to praise God with one mind and one mouth (Rom. 15:5-6) as those who are the direct beneficiaries of what God is doing today through the apostleship of Paul ...
 - b. There, we will give account of ourselves not by glorying in our own person and work but in the Person and Work of the Lord Jesus Christ as revealed in Pauline Grace Mystery Truth.

- c. Glorying in being the recipients of all that the Triune Godhead accomplished through the distinct apostleship of Paul in opening a way to bless the Gentiles apart from Israel, apart from the Law and without its works(Rom. 15:15-17).
- d. Glorying in being the instruments through which the Triune Godhead worked in and through us to proclaim, advance and defend the Gospel in an evil age on enemy territory (15:18 -19).
- 2. The important thing to note, however, is that Paul is already glorying in all this right now! You don't have to wait until you get to Heaven. God has brought us into His family as adult children and given all the resources and information we need to fully participate in His business, proclaiming it to a lost world—RIGHT NOW.

- 3. In short, the only things that will follow us beyond the grave are the things that God did in and through us. This is primarily carried out in and through an assembly of believers, together confirming, defending and advancing God's Mystery Program for the Body of Christ.
 - a. Of course, the corollary of this is that if we rebel against God and reject His Word by replacing it with man-made traditions and by wrongly-dividing it, we prevent God from working in and through us.
 - b. Anytime we respond through the power of our flesh instead of the power of the Spirit, we miss out on an opportunity for God to work in and through us.

- c. Redeeming the time—every minute spent responding positively to God and His Word is a minute rescued from Satan's temporal plan for THE EVIL and is brought into God's eternal plan for THE GOOD (Eph. 5:15-17)—it becomes ours FOREVER!
- d. Every minute we follow Paul as he follows Christ, glorying before the Triune Godhead in what God's Word and Work are accomplishing through Christ as revealed in Pauline Grace Mystery Truth (Rom. 15:15-19) is a minute moved from time to eternity. Doing this we can already, right now, start saying what we all be saying at the Judgment Seat of Christ. What most believers don't understand and appreciate and outright reject down here will be understood and appreciated and fully accepted by all up there after the Rapture!

- 4. In Corinth, however, Paul was bold in a forceful way. 2 Cor. 4:14; 5:10: Manifested before the Judgment Seat of Christ
 - a. 4:1-6—Like Rom. 15:15-19, Paul glories in what God is accomplishing through his apostleship.
 - b. 4:7-5:9—Now we live by faith, proclaiming, advancing and defending God's Plan as revealed through Paul's distinct apostleship under adverse conditions on enemy territory. And this gives opportunities for God to POWERFULLY work in and through us in the midst of our weakness, giving life, establishing and edifying others, which manifest the glory of God (4:15, 17; 5:5).
 - c. Every incident of adversity gave Paul (and us!) an opportunity for God to work in and through him, producing things of infinite and eternal value.

5. 2 Cor. 5:9-10—NKJV

Therefore, we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

--5:9-10—KJV-Labor = earnestly aspire (1 Thess. 4:11—KJV study) that whether in life or death we earnestly aspire to walk well -pleasing to God by Faith in Love. For every instant we do that, it is God working in and through us, goes from time to eternity and remains at the Judgment Seat of Christ forevermore.

- 6. 2 Cor. 5:11-21: Paul then invites the Corinthians (and us!) to join in his glorying in all that God is accomplishing today in the Dispensation of Grace through his distinct apostleship by participating in the ministry of reconciliation and righteousness being sent out to the whole world, especially the Gentiles, ungodly sinners on enemy status before God, apart from Israel and through her fall.
- 7. The walk that is well-pleasing to God, and the things done out of a reverence for the Lord, from hearts of faith and love maximizes what is received and minimizes what is lost at the Judgment Seat of Christ:
 - --Must be motivated by the Love of God at the Cross of Christ as revealed in PGMT, whereby we serve Christ through the power of God proclaiming His reconciliation and righteousness to the whole world of enemies.

- 8. 1 Cor. 3:5-15:
 - a. Everything not associated with what God is doing today comes from the flesh, which is contaminated with sin and death and is automatically consigned to destruction.
 - b. Everything associated with what God is doing today comes from the Spirit of God working through our made-alive spirits by grace through faith in love, belongs to God and goes on forever. The only things that remain are the things we freely received from God and that's what we will glory in (1 Cor. 4:7).
 - --Paul planted the field God is working in today. Those who water that field will participate in the increase God produces.
 - --Paul laid the foundation and provided the masterplan for what God is doing today. To operate in accord with that is to have God operating in and through them unto eternal value. If not, it will be purged away.

WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus
Sing His mercy and His Grace
In the heavens bright and blessed
He's prepared for us a place

When we all get to heaven
What a day of rejoicing that will be
When we all see Jesus
We'll sing and shout the victory

WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN

Let us then be true and faithful Trusting, serving every day Just one glimpse of Him in glory Will the toils of life repay

When we all get to heaven
What a day of rejoicing that will be
When we all see Jesus
We'll sing and shout the victory
(Repeat Chorus)