Christmas, Time, and Revival Now – December Letter 2023

Dear Friend,

Just within the past few days, I was reminded of Christmas events, the passage of time, and the coming Revival all at the same time.

Because of our busy schedules, looking at calendars and discussing dates is often a necessary topic in our home. My wife and I were in one of those discussions regarding a coming Christmas event when I brought up this very subject.

Four of our grandchildren are students at a local Christian school. Each year at this time, the school puts on a drive-through pageantry of the story of Christmas beginning from the birth of Christ through His resurrection. It really is quite a gala to experience! It's at least a half-mile, slow drive-through with multiple scenes and student actors representing the pageantry of Christmas. Oh yes, and there are multiple animals to add to the experience.

My wife and I were discussing the fact that this event was coming up within the next few days when I shared with her how startled I was by this event happening again so soon. In the perception of my mind, this event had just taken place no more than a month or two ago. I remembered just having made the drive, waving at my grandchildren as they participated in their stations for this Christmas play. My wife shared the same sentiments of this perception.

Scientists have studied for decades the relativity in the human mind concerning the passage of time, and there are at least two different psychological terms that describe this phenomenon. One of those terms is "chronoception," which refers to how the passage of time is perceived and experienced. There seems to be at least two contributing factors. One is age and the other is the busyness of the individual, but something amazing is taking place. This phenomenon doesn't seem to be limited now to just the aged adults; the middle aged, millennials, and even teenagers are testifying that every day seems to be the same day repeated in time. And this is not just our brains tricking us. There is a scriptural reason for this. Time is speeding toward the end when there will be no more existence of time anymore. It all has to do with the end of this age and the coming of Christ.

<u>Revelation 10:5</u> And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,

<u>**Revelation 10:6**</u> And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, THAT THERE SHOULD BE TIME NO LONGER!

In other words, the perception of time would be taken from the earth. And this is only part of the signs of the last days.

Christmas is celebrated worldwide as perhaps the happiest time of the year. For Christians especially, we should take extreme joy in every reminder of the birth of Christ. Every holiday light, every green and red-covered package for someone dear, every decorated shopping mall, every neighborhood decorated home, every Christmas carol sung, and yes, even some of the old secular Christmas songs, and every smell of fresh baked yummies coming from the oven should remind us of the joy of His birth. Even when people might say that they do not have fond memories of Christmases past, if they are Christians, they should at least take joy in the testimony that the world, even in its fallen present state, will pause to make memory of the greatest gift mankind has ever received.

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Luke 2:8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Luke 2:9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

Luke 2:10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

Luke 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. **Luke 2:12** And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Luke 2:13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Luke 2:14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

God so loved the world that He gave the greatest Christmas present anyone could ever give: the gift of His Son. Christmas continually reminds us of that greatest gift ever given. It also reminds us of the passing of another measure of time. We are reminded that we are ever getting closer to the last days. But something wonderful is promised to us before time expires.

Acts 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

<u>Acts 2:17</u> And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

<u>Acts 2:18</u> And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

A closer look at these verses reveals that this passage of scripture quoted by Peter from Joel the prophet was not only relevant to his present hour, but even more so in what we would call the

"last of the last days," which is the era of time in which we presently live. We are speeding toward the last of the last days.

Here's our joy! With every Christmas celebrated and with every moment of time spent, we are not only speeding toward the end of this age, but also toward the greatest outpouring of God's Spirit on humanity this world has ever seen! Somewhere between this Christmas and the Lord's soon coming is sandwiched a worldwide Harvest of humanity coupled with the outstanding miracles of Christ.

So, I'm celebrating Christmas in a totally different fashion than ever before. With every memory that it's Christmas, I'm also celebrating the immediate coming of this outpouring of Heaven. The speeding up of time does not scare me. IT ONLY EXCITES ME, KNOWING THAT HEAVEN IS COMING IN THE FORM OF REVIVAL!

Candy and I want to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our friends and family receiving this letter of gratitude. We want to encourage you to take courage, no matter what you may be facing in the form of the spiritual warfare at hand. Take joy in the midst of whatever you are facing, knowing that Jesus has already gone before you and made a way for your escape out of every trial. Pastor Dave Roberson would often say, "Don't waste your trials, but use them as a momentary experience to give worship to God in the midst of the trial. He's not the one sending the trial, but on the other side of the trial, there will be more spiritual wealth than you ever thought possible."

Let's go into this Christmas season and into the new year anticipating that REVIVAL IS NOW! Let Christmas remind us that REVIVAL IS NOW, and that the miracles that you may need, whether physical, financial, spiritual, or anything else, are all promised in the Christmas Blessing!

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! And Blessed Revival Outpouring!

I will see you in the Revival!

Blessings, Pastor Bronc