

Seasonal Religion or Seize the Day!

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Introduction

1. Text 2 Timothy 4:2
2. It is a wonderful compliment to say or have said about you, “you can depend on him.”
3. Our text says of preachers to preach in season and out of season. This means at all times is the word of God to be preached. He can never let up.
4. There is a tendency to let up after a job is well done, but we can never let up in Christianity.
5. What we need in the church is dependability.
6. Today we want to learn how to be dependable, reasons for Christianity not being seasonal and then our response to what we have learned.

II Discussion

A. The dependability of Christianity!

1. Christianity is a practice not just a mere professing. It should be lived. Matthew 7:21; Hebrews 3:1; 4:14
2. Christianity is a fervor. Romans 12:11; Ecclesiastes 9:10
3. This fervor must be constant 2 Timothy 4:2; Luke 9:62; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Colossians 4:6; Philippians 4:4; 1 Peter 3:15

B. Reasons for Christianity not being a seasonal religion.

1. Christianity is not circumstantial.
 - a. One must be a Christian in every place. Some practice religion to be men pleasers. Matthew 6:2, 5; Ephesians 6:6
 - b. Must be a Christian regardless of day or hour. Hebrews 10:25 Context of this passage says that during the trying times, but still cannot forsake the assembly of the saints. Luke 9:23 daily
 - c. Regardless of weather, we must be a Christian. Too hot, cold, wet, or dry.
 - d. Must be a Christian regardless of health. Prays long when sick, but when well he forgets to pray.
2. Love of God requires sacrifice. John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Hebrews 5:8-9; Romans 12:1-2
3. The uncertainty of the future is a reason for our Christianity not being seasonal. Matthew 24:36
4. The commands of God are another reason why not to have a seasonal religion. 1 John 5:3 John 14:15

C. The response to overcome seasonal religion.

1. Think about serving the Lord. Psalm 1:2; Proverbs 23:7
2. Don't look back. Luke 9:62
3. Be converted. Acts 3:19

III Conclusion

1. We are to seize the day!
2. We do this by knowing the responsibilities of being a Christians, by knowing why not to be a seasonal Christianity, and responding to the message of the Gospel.
3. If the Lord comes would He find me at my post of duty.

4. Seasonal religion is a gambling religion. You may be in or you may be out
5. You can not afford to take the chance to be out. Rev 2:10
6. Make your religion constant by serving Him all the time starting now!

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