

Seasons

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Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

I am certain I am not alone in singing the words of Ecclesiastes 3 to the tune of the popular 60s song. The tune stays with you and powerfully conveys a message of hope. Life is not just the bad times, but a mixture of seasons of good and not so good. There is a time for everything: birth and death, planting and harvest, love and hate, peace and war.

The message of Ecclesiastes is about not just making it through the moment. The writer says "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart" (v. 11). While we may not intend or even understand the impulse within us, God has made us to strive for eternal results in our efforts. The work we do here and now can be eternal, but only if what we do is first recognized as a gift from God and offered back to Him.

Through the resurrection we not only have eternity placed within our hearts, but our very beings have been made for everlasting life.

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