

Sunday, 12th April 2026

“The Preciousness of Time and the Beauty of Holiness”

“So, teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.”
— Psalm 90:12

My Beloved Christian Family,
We gather today under one of the most solemn and sacred realities of our existence: time.

Time is not merely the ticking of a clock.
It is not simply the passing of days.

Time is a divine gift.
Time is a sacred stewardship.

Time is eternity measured out in
moments.

Precious, O Lord, is our dwelling on
earth,
Measured in mercy, ordained from our
birth.

Every second you and I live is sheer
sovereign grace.
Not chance—but Christ's decree.

We did not choose our first breath.
And we will not choose our last.

“Your eyes saw my unformed body; all
my days were written in Your book and
ordained for me before one of them
came to be.”

-Psalm 139:16

Therefore, if time is given by God—then time must be lived for God.

I. THE PRECIOUSNESS OF TIME

Let us begin where Scripture begins—
with the brevity of life.

“For what is your life? It is even a
vapour...”

-James 4:14

“Short is the span of this earthly breath,
A vapor that fades at the shadow of
death.”

My Beloved, life is:

- A mist in the morning
- A shadow at evening
- A breath that disappears

And yet—we live as though it will never end.

We plan decades ahead...
But neglect eternity.

We guard our wealth and our health: But waste our time.

Jonathan Edwards resolved:
“Resolved, never to lose one moment of time, but to improve it the most profitable way I possibly can.”

And John Calvin reminds us: “We are not our own... therefore let every part of our life be directed to God.”

Application

My Beloved Christian Family,

Let us ask ourselves:

- How do we spend our mornings?
- How do we use our hours?
- Do we live as one who will soon meet Christ?

Because we all will!

II. THE HIDEOUSNESS OF SIN AND THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Now we must face a deeper truth—why time matters.

Because of sin!

Sin is infinitely hideous and holiness is infinitely beautiful.

And this is absolutely biblical.

“The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately wicked...” -Jeremiah
17:9

Sin is not small.

Sin is not harmless.

Sin is:

- Rebellion against God
- Corruption of the soul
- Cosmic treason

The sin of the first man causes the
second man to kill the third man!

Sin is truly hideous and ever so quick to
manifest destruction in all its ugliness!

R. C. Sproul said:

“Sin is cosmic treason against a holy God.”

A. W. Pink wrote:

“Sin is the transgression of God’s law and an affront to His holiness.”

Our Condition

Apart from Christ, we are:

- Not morally neutral
- Not slightly flawed

We are:

- Dead in sin
- Spiritual lepers
- Corrupted in every faculty.

We are sinful hideous worms, we are spiritual lepers!

But Christ...

“Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.” — Isaiah 1:18

Christ:

- Touches us the unclean
- Heals us spiritual lepers
- Cleanse us hideous sinner

Sanctification

The less sinful we are the more beautiful we become.

This is sanctification.

“Be ye holy; for I am holy.”

-1 Peter 1:15

Holiness is not optional.

It is the very purpose of redemption.

III. THE BEAUTY OF CHRIST

Why is Christ so beautiful?
Because holiness is so beautiful!
And our beloved Christ is so beautiful.

“He is altogether lovely.” -Song of
Solomon 5:16

“Who did no sin...” — 1 Peter 2:22

Our beloved Christ is:

- Perfectly pure
- Infinitely righteous
- Eternally sinless
- Beauty of beauties

John Owen wrote:

“We are changed into His image by
beholding His glory.”

Beholding Christ

“We... beholding the glory of the Lord,
are changed...” — 2 Corinthians 3:18

The Christian life is not:

- Try harder
- Do better

It is: Behold the beauty of our beloved Christ—and be transformed from a leprous worm into a treasured child of God, a child of beauty.

IV. A LIFE THAT POINTS OTHERS TO CHRIST

We will point the world... to behold Him,
our beloved beautiful and holy Christ.

This is the purpose of our existence on earth as God's beloved children.

“Let your light so shine before men...” —
Matthew 5:16

A holy life:

- Displays Christ
- Reveals Christ
- Attracts others to Christ

Thomas Watson:

“A godly man is a walking sermon.”

Application

Let us ask ourselves this day:

- Do our lives make Christ attractive?
- Do others see holiness in us?

- Do we reflect beauty—or corruption?

V. THE GLORY OF ETERNITY

Now lift your eyes beyond time.

“In thy presence is fullness of joy...”

-Psalm 16:11

“We shall be like Him...”

-1 John 3:2

We shall see Christ face to face in eternity’s light...”

Heaven is:

- Sinless
- Pure
- Beautiful

Christ will be there.

And we shall be like Him.

Augustine of Hippo:
“Our hearts are restless until they rest in
Thee.”

VI. REDEEMING THE TIME

So, what must we do?

“Redeeming the time...” -Ephesians 5:16

Beloved Lord Jesus, please teach us to
number our days

Five Final Calls

1. Treasure Time

Every moment is from God

2. Hate Sin

See its ugliness

3. Pursue Holiness

Seek beauty

4. Behold Christ Daily

Fix your eyes on Him

5. Live for Eternity

Prepare to meet Him

CONCLUSION

My Beloved Christian Family,

Time is short.

Christ is beautiful.

Sin is deadly.

Holiness is glorious.

Eternity is near.

So let us live for Thy glory alone our lives
must be,

A living offering, holy to Thee.

CLOSING PRAYER

O Lord our beloved Triune God,
Teach us to number our days as they
quickly slip away.
Awaken us from spiritual slumber.
Make us hate sin and love holiness.
Fix our eyes upon our beloved Christ.
Transform us into His likeness.
And prepare us for that glorious day
When we shall see You face to face.
In our beloved Lord Jesus's most holy
and precious name.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Much love,
Francis