



## H2H Questions – Week of Sunday, October 18, 2020

Ecclesiastes 3

### Get to Know Me

1. Was there ever a time or event in your life that was difficult that God turned beautiful in His time?

### Into the Bible

2. In the first eight verses, Solomon poetically introduces us to the effects of time on our life under the sun. At first it seems beautiful, then it begins to be repetitive, and finally it seems relentless. Time marches on, whether we like it or not, bringing good and bad things into our life, outside of our control. He paints a picture of life that is bound under the yoke of time. What do the following verses teach us about the power that we have over time, along with the good and bad things that it brings, when we live our lives in Christ?
  - a. Ephesians 5:15-16
  - b. Colossians 4:5
3. In verses 9-13 a ray of hope briefly cracks through Solomon's gloomy outlook. Though time is relentless and brings joy and sorrow without care for what we want, Solomon observes that God makes everything beautiful in His time. Look up Romans 8:28 and write down how it relates to this passage.
4. Even in his "under the sun" approach to life, in verses 14 & 15 Solomon warns us that though time is relentless and unpredictable in what it will bring into our lives, God is unchanging and that His works and word stand forever. What is Solomon's warning concerning how we respond and live in the time that we have in this life?
5. Discuss the differences between the justice in this world compared to the justice of God from verses 16 & 17.



6. In verses 18-21 Solomon makes an interesting point. If God or eternity is not a part of this life, ultimately, we are not much different, if at all, from the animal kingdom. What do the following verses teach us about ourselves in light of God's presence in our lives?
  - a. Psalm 139:14
  - b. Ephesians 2:10
  - c. 1 Peter 2:9
  - d. 2 Peter 1:4

#### **Application**

7. At the end of this chapter, Solomon, in his "under the sun" approach to life, says that the best we can hope for is to enjoy our work in the present because we don't know what will happen after we are gone. How are our lives as Christians so much better and hopeful than Solomon's sad conclusion?