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A brief word from God's Word

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Subject: When the full time came

“Now when the full time came, God delegates His Son, come of a woman, come under law, that He should be reclaiming those under law, that we may be getting the place of a son.” (Galatians 4:4)

We remember that when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, this event did not take place until the full time came! Israel was crying out for salvation for many years, and prophecy told the people the Messiah (Christ) would come. But this would not happen until the time designated by God ... until the full time came!

Today we face many sorrows, tragedies, persecutions and sufferings. We know that one day these things shall pass, but not until the time designated by God ... until the full time comes! And when that time comes, we who are within the Body of Christ will hear the trumpet sound, “and the dead in Christ shall be rising first. Thereupon we the living who are surviving, shall at the same time be snatched away together with them in clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. And thus shall we always be together with the Lord.” (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

And as for those who are left upon the earth when Christ's Body is “snatched away” (or “raptured”), much tribulation will come ... and those who are sealed by God will face much persecution. And these times of great tribulation will come to an end, but not until the time designated by God ... until the full time comes! “And I perceived heaven open, and lo! A white horse. And He Who is sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness is He judging and battling. Now His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems ... and His name is called the Word of God. And the armies in heaven dressed in cambric, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.” (Revelation 19)

And Christ will then reign upon the throne (Revelation 21:5), not forever and ever ... but for the “eons of the eons” ... until the time designated by God ... until the full time comes, and when all that Christ has been designated to accomplish has been accomplished. “For He must be reigning UNTIL He should be placing all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy is being abolished: death. For He subjects all under His feet.” (1 Corinthians 15:22-28)

And then, when Christ has brought ALL into subjection to God, when ALL enemies have been placed under His feet, when all sovereignty and authority and power has been nullified, and when He gives up the kingdom to His God and Father ... then, at the climax of all history, God will become "All in all." (1 Corinthians 15:28)

So in the midst of our struggles, we take comfort in knowing that all of this will be accomplished WHEN THE FULL TIME COMES. All will be reconciled to God, when the full time comes.

And as for these present times, we who are a part of the Body of Christ remember our "Great Commission" ...

"Yet all is of God, Who conciliates us to Himself through Christ, and is giving us the dispensation of the conciliation, how that God was in Christ, conciliating the world to Himself, not reckoning their offenses to them, and placing in us the word of the conciliation. For Christ, then, are we ambassadors, as of God entreating through us. We are beseeching for Christ's sake, 'Be conciliated to God!'" (2 Corinthians 5:18-21)

Merry Christmas!

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