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## *As I See It. . . . By Brian Gregory*

What are we doing with all of our time these days? Where does the time go? Why does time fly? Why do we allow ourselves to get so busy we easily say, "I don't have time?" Time is an interesting thing. Each day we are given the same amount as everyone else on earth and it is up to us to determine how we will spend it. Once it is gone it can never be returned or reused later. What if we each started thinking carefully about what we spend our time doing. Think about how much time you spend each day on your smartphone or on the internet? How much time do you spend watching T.V.? How much time do you spend with your loved ones where they have your attention? How much time do you spend working at your job or around the house? How much time do you spend sitting idle or as we like to say, "being bored or doing nothing?" How much time do we spend sleeping, exercising, preparing for the next day, etc. . . . How much time at ball games, trips, etc. . . . Our time is used up quickly.

What we spend our time doing says a lot about us and what is most important. So now I ask the harder questions. How much time do you spend with God? How much of your time do you devote to Him? We can never (and He doesn't expect us to either) spend all of our time devoted to Him. However, I think we can all find ways to devote more of our time to Him. What if you spend the first 10 minutes of your day in prayer and reading the Bible or took a few minutes at lunch for it? What if you found ways to serve God by serving others through the day? What if you spent more time talking about God to others? There are lots of other ways I am sure but for now, you guessed it, I am out of time.

*Brian*

## *Deep Beliefs....By Joe Macer*

I Corinthians 15:32 If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus for merely human reasons, what have I gained? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

How deep are your beliefs in the resurrection? I Corinthians 15 contains a long discussion by the apostle Paul concerning the resurrection and the reasons to believe in it. The resurrection of Jesus Christ makes all the difference in what we believe and why we believe in it. What a person believes about the resurrection determines much about his philosophy in life.

Paul had a deep belief and conviction in the resurrection. He staked his life on it numerous times. In Ephesus, he fought wild beasts. I take literally what he declared. Some interpret this to refer to men in Ephesus. They acted like wild beasts in wanting the destruction of Paul. Whether it was an animal or a man, Paul faced death and he stood his ground because of the resurrection. If there is no resurrection then he would have tried to escape the deathly situation. There are no human reasons to face death prematurely unless there is a belief in the resurrection

If there is no resurrection and no afterlife, then there is an entirely different purpose in life. Without the resurrection, then man's purpose simply becomes to find as much enjoyment in life as possible. The Epicurean philosophy, "eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die," is demonstrated even today. Man-kind is searching for pleasure in food, drink, alcohol, drugs, sex, possessions as well as numerous other possibilities without thinking of eternal consequences. Are you living for pleasure or living for God? A wise person will determine if the resurrection is real and live accordingly.

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

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**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

Welcome.....Dennis Thomason  
 Song Leader.....Greg Lusk  
 Prayer.....Byran Farris  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Jim Pollard  
 Serving:  
     Sam Quirk                      Kyle Upchurch  
     Tommy Skelley                Boyd Wood  
     Johnny Smith                 Jim Anderson  
     Jerry Barber                 Terry Burgess  
 Read: Luke 10:30-37.....Richard Farris  
 Sermon: "Get Involved".....Joe Macer  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Dennis Thomason

**SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.**

Welcome/Song Leader.....Kevin Mick  
 Prayer.....John Thomas  
 Read: Psalm 32.....Jesse Gilliam  
 Sermon: "The Gift Of Forgiveness".....Joe Macer  
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Charlie Willis  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Barry Cross

Ushers: Larry Nicholson, Benny Bolton, Tyler Brown  
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**TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2014**

**NURSERY CARE**

A.M.....Iris, Samie, Shelby Anderson  
 P.M.....Connie White, Kasey Cross

Song Leader .....Jerry Wilson  
 Speaker:.....Ron Williams  
 Prayer.....Randy Jones  
 Announcements.....Brian Gregory