

**Transforming Daily**  
**“... fullness of the time ...”**  
*Galatians 4:4*

What is a season but fullness of the time? Too early and it's premature. Too late and it's tardy. The ramifications of either case can be disastrous. Have you ever been served undercooked or overcooked food? Have you ever struck out when up to bat because you swung behind the ball or ahead of it?

Being a Floridian I remember hearing stories of the dangers of the eye of a hurricane. Actually the eye is not the problem it's the other side of the storm that's disastrous to anyone who unsuspectingly ventures out thinking the hurricane has passed. Bright skies and calm winds can deceive the unsuspecting explorers to let their guard down. Then it's too late. Usually the winds are in the opposite direction so everything that blew one way before now has been loosened to return in force. The winds can be catastrophic, flood waters can be erosive, and of course flying debris can be lethal.

We have some friends that live in the Bahamas on the Island of Man-O-War. They have weathered hurricanes for generations. They have hurricanes down to a science. When we were first invited to Man-O-War it never dawned on me that it was in the middle of the Atlantic (north of it is Bermuda and east of it is Africa). The island is about two-and-a-half miles long and a half a mile wide at its widest point. The narrowest part of the island (aptly referred to as the “narrows” or the “low spot”) is only about 50 yards wide. The whole island is a living coral reef.

I asked one of the island dwellers why they thought the island was still there after weathering so many storms (hurricanes, rogue waves, etc.). They said that it was due to several characteristics of the island. Because it is coral reef water runs off quickly without pooling or saturating the ground. Because it is surrounded by “breakers” (other coral reefs) the waves and tidal surges are reduced before they hit the island. Because the community has dealt with these conditions for generations they have learned what to do, when to do it and how to cope with the potential threat of a hurricane. This is reflected in their skills for building homes, docks and boats.

Oversimplified, timing is everything. So it is with this passage in Galatians. Spiritually and prophetically speaking, God's timing was and is perfect. The timing of Christ's birth was exact and precise. Too early and the Jews wouldn't have understood the significance of God's deliverance through Jesus Christ. Too late and the church wouldn't have understood the significance of Christ's humility in redemption.

It's the same way with the conversion of a sinner. The timing has to be just right; it always is. Too soon and the sinner doesn't see the need for the free gift of eternal life. Too late and the sinner doesn't see how the free gift of eternal life pertains to them. Where do you stand regarding eternal life? Do you see the need for the free gift of eternal life? Do you think that it is too late for you to receive the free gift of eternal life? The Bible says that today is the day of salvation. Is it possible that for you it is the season for redemption, rededication, reconciliation or recommitment? In other words, for you personally, is it the fullness of the time?