



In His Time

Christians Are Given Instructions Regarding Time

- Eph. 5:16 - “Redeeming the time, because the days are evil”
- Rom. 13:11 - “And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.”
- 1Peter 1:11 - “Searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.”
- Gal. 4:4 - “But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law”

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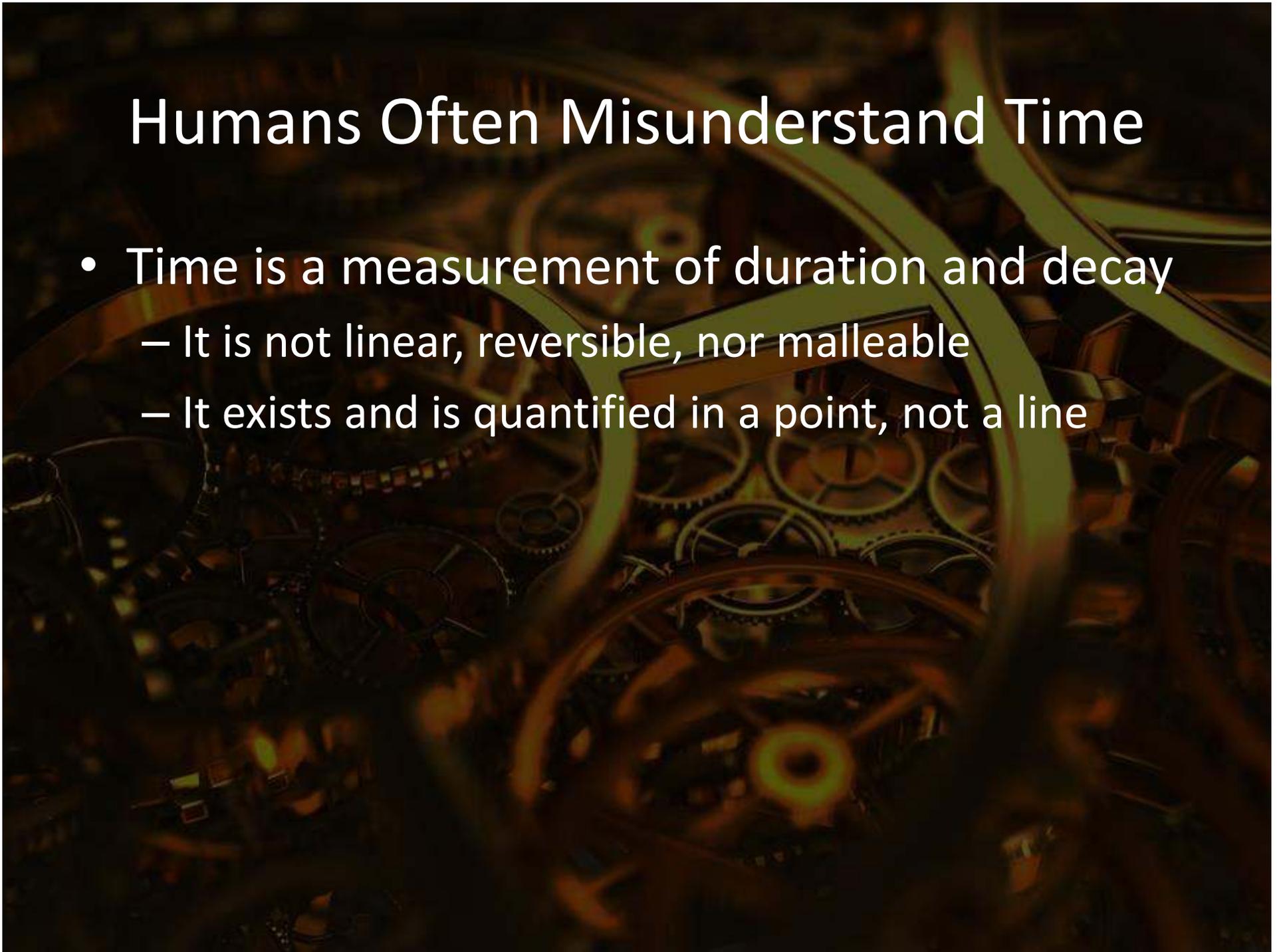
- Heb. 5:12-14 - “For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. 13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. 14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

Humans Often Misunderstand Time

- Time does not exist outside of the created universe
- God is not bound by time; He alone controls it
 - Psalm 75:2-3 - “When I choose the proper time, I will judge uprightly. 3 The earth and all its inhabitants are dissolved; I set up its pillars firmly.”
 - Psalm 89:47-48 - “Remember how short my time is; For what futility have You created all the children of men? 48 What man can live and not see death? Can he deliver his life from the power of the grave?”

Humans Often Misunderstand Time

- Time is a measurement of duration and decay
 - It is not linear, reversible, nor malleable
 - It exists and is quantified in a point, not a line



God Set Five Critical Points In Time:

- Life
- Death
- Salvation
- The Kingdom
- The Judgment

Life, A Point In Time

- When does life begin?
- The Bible represents life before birth
 - Luke 1:41 - “And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.”
 - Psalm 139:13, 16 - “For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb... 16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.”
 - Jer. 1:5 - “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations”

Life, A Point In Time

- The Bible does not speak of the embryonic state as lifeless, but as a living entity
 - Ex. 21:22-23 - “If men fight, and hurt a woman with child, so that she gives birth prematurely, yet no harm follows, he shall surely be punished according as the woman's husband imposes on him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. 23 But if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life”

Death, A Point In Time

- At what point in time does death occur?
 - James 2:26 - “For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”
 - Luke 16:22 - “So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.”
 - John 19:30 - “So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, It is finished! And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.”

Salvation, A Point In Time

- Most religionists agree salvation is available, but disagree widely at what point in time it occurs
 - Most insist salvation occurs when the lost believes; “salvation is by grace only, Christ only, and faith only.”
 - If this is true the demons are saved because they believe
 - James 2:19 - “You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe--and tremble!”

Salvation, A Point In Time

- It is obedient faith, or it does not save
 - James 2:20-26 - “But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? 22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? 23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, ‘Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.’ And he was called the friend of God. 24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. 25 Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way? 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”

Salvation, A Point In Time

- At what point in time does salvation take place?
 - Acts 2:36-38, 41, 47 - “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.’ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Men and brethren, what shall we do?’ Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’ ... 41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them... 47...And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.”

Salvation, A Point In Time

- At what point in time does salvation take place?
 - Acts 22:16 - “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”
 - 1Peter 3:21 - “There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ”

Salvation, A Point In Time

- At what point in time does salvation take place?
 - Rom. 6:4-5 - “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection”
 - Gal. 3:26-27 - “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ”

The Kingdom, A Point In Time

- Dan. 2:44 - “And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.”
 - “...in the days of these kings”
 - The Kingdom was established during the Roman Empire in Acts 2, AD 30.

The Judgment, A Point In Time

- Matt. 24:36 - “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.”
- Acts 17:31 - “because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

The Judgment, A Point In Time

- 2Peter 3:7-10 - “But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.”