

CHANGE OF THE SEASONS

Most folks have their own favorite season of the year. Fortunately we live in a part of the world where we can experience each season in a dramatic way. I must admit there are things about each season that I enjoy. I like the beauty of falling snow, the return of flowers, grass, etc. to the spring time, the warmth of the summer sun, and who cannot enjoy the beauty of the fall season with its myriad of colors. It makes one wonder about the seasons of life. The wonder of a baby in pure innocence, the excitement of the toddler as they experience life around them, the thrill of the first day at school, graduation for a teen, beginning one's own family in marriage, enjoying a vocation that blesses you and others, finally being able to slow a bit to enjoy family, friends, and more of the great beauty of God's creation. I realize that along the way through the seasons of life there are setbacks, heartbreaks, illness, and the death of loved ones and friends. Not only do we enjoy the beauty of each season but we also must accept the harshness of each season. Solomon recognized the importance of patience as we journey through life.

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven". "He hath made everything beautiful in His time". (Ecclesiastes 3:1,11). We may not understand all that goes on in this world but we can know that God does everything at the right time. Let us never lose the thrill of learning about God and His wonderful works as we study nature and the Bible (Romans 1:19-20; Psalms 19:1). Enjoy the seasons of life.

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