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NEWSLETTER

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HAVE WE GROWN UP YET?

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WE JUST GOT BACK THE ONE YEAR PICTURES FOR TITUS TYCHICUS. WE ARE GOING TO BE GETTING FIVE YEAR PICTURES FOR JACK PATRICK IN JULY. LIZ AND I WILL BE MARRIED FOR 7 YEARS IN SEPTEMBER. AND THAT IS CRAZY TO ME BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE I JUST TURNED 22 YESTERDAY. TIME REALLY DOES FLY. IT'S QUICK. WHEN YOU WANT EVERYTHING SLOW DOWN FOR JUST A BIT. .IT. DOESN'T.

WE ARE ABLE TO PUSH THE PAUSE BUTTON FOR THE T.V. BUT TIME KEEPS MOVING.

WE HAVE INSTANT REPLAY AND SLOW MOTION FOR SPORTS BUT TIME DOESN'T SLOW DOWN.

WE WATCH MOVIES ABOUT TIME TRAVEL - THEY ALWAYS SHOW A PERSON GOING BACK IN TIME BUT AFTER A WHILE YOU CAN TELL THEY ARE STILL AGING. THEY CAN GO BACK IN TIME BUT THE PRESENT STILL MOVES.

THE REALITY IS, YOU WE CAN NOT STOP TIME FROM CONTINUING ON. WHEN GOD CREATED, HE CREATED A SYSTEM THAT WOULD CONTINUE UNDER HIS SOVEREIGN RULE. OUR CHALLENGE IS TO LIVE IN THAT REALITY EVERY DAY.

WHERE AM I GOING WITH THIS?

IN THE PAST YEAR TITUS TYCHICUS HAS GROWN LIKE A BABY SHOULD. IN THE PAST 5 YEARS JACK PATRICK HAS GROWN LIKE HE SHOULD. MY THOUGHT IS, HAVE I GROWN LIKE I SHOULD. HAVE I GROWN AS A DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST IN PAST YEAR? HAVE YOU? HAS OUR CHURCH? OR ARE WE IN THE SAME PLACE WE WERE LAST YEAR. .FIVE YEARS AGO. . . TEN YEARS AGO?

SOMETIMES WE GET SO INVOLVED IN WATCHING OTHERS GROW AND DEVELOP THAT WE LOSE OUR CONCENTRATION/FOCUS TO CONTINUE OURSELVES. II PETER 3:18 SAYS, "BUT GROW IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST TO HIM BE THE GLORY, BOTH NOW AND TO THE DAY OF ETERNITY. AMEN. "IT COULD BE SAID, "BUT CONTINUALLY GROW IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE". WE ARE NEVER FINISHED. WE HAVE NOT ARRIVED. WE SERVE AN UNLIMITED AND SOVEREIGN GOD. .THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING MORE TO LEARN AND ENJOY.

I PRAY I HAVEN'T LEARNED EVERYTHING ABOUT MY WIFE LIZ YET. I THINK WE WOULD HAVE A VERY BORING LIFE TOGETHER THE NEXT 40+ YEARS IF I HAVE.

I PRAY I HAVEN'T LEARNED EVERYTHING ABOUT GOD YET. .OR EVERYTHING I CAN APPLY YET. MY LIFE WILL BE VERY BORING THE NEXT 40+ YEARS IF I HAVE.

TIME IS GOING TO KEEP MOVING. WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH IT? I WOULD HATE TO GIVE THE REASON SOMEDAY, "I STOPPED GROWING", FOR WHY I DIDN'T DO SOMETHING FOR MY LORD AND SAVIOR.

LETS CONTINUE TO GROW.