

Timing

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Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 62; Heb 13.1-8; Mk 1:14-20

Introduction

Think about a time when you did the right thing at the right time...

Too often, though, our timing is _____.

The account of Jonah teaches us that God can redeem _____ timing on our parts. The true Good News is that Jesus' timing--and action--was _____.

CCT: Christ call us all to _____ and brotherly love.

I. The Preaching of John and Jesus

A. John the Baptist

Mark 1:14

How did John preach?

- to tax collectors
- to prostitutes
- to religious leaders
- to all

B. Jesus

Mark 1:14–15

1. The Time is Fulfilled

kairos =

2. The Kingdom of God is at Hand

“The kingdom is at hand” =

3. Repent and Believe the Gospel

Jesus’ call to repentance

What is the purpose of Jesus’ birth?

Definition of Repentance

Now, strictly speaking, repentance consists of two parts. ⁴ One part is contrition, that is, terrors striking the conscience through the knowledge of sin. ⁵ The other part is faith, which is born of the Gospel [Romans 10:17] or the Absolution and believes that for Christ’s sake, sins are forgiven. It comforts the conscience and delivers it from terror. ⁶ Then good works are bound to follow, which are the fruit of repentance [Galatians 5:22–23]. (Augsburg Confession XII:3-6)

“We love because He first loved us.” (1 Jn 4.19)

Paul Timothy McCain, ed., *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (St. Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House, 2005), 38.

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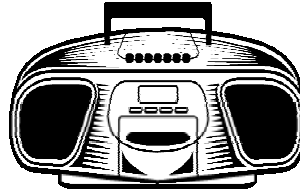
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II. To Love is to Act

Hebrews 13:1-8

¹ Let brotherly love continue...

Hospitality

Prisoners

Marriage

Love of money

As Christ's forgiven people it is time to _____.

Habit?

Procrastination?

Speaking the truth in love to someone?

Learn from Jonah's example...

Conclusion

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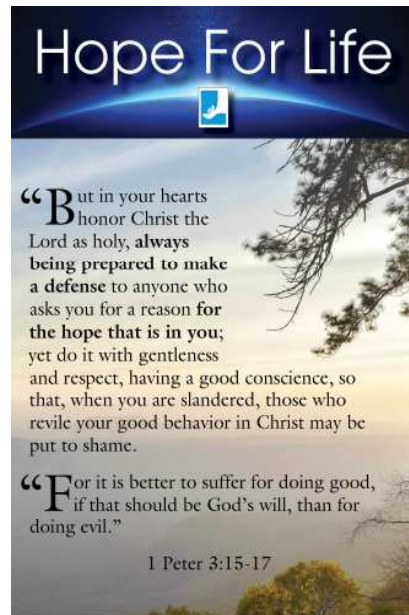
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