

Is it time to say yes to God?
Col 1:13-14
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Thesis: I want us to consider when it is time to say yes to God.

- Intro:
1. People of all ages often have the desire to do whatever they please.
 - a. To have new experiences
 - b. To spend time with whoever you want
 - c. To spend our time however you want
 2. However the Bible warns mankind about such a way of life (**Ecc 11:9-10**)

I. Why do some say no to God?

- A. They desire to do as they please.
 1. Some fear if they obey God they cannot do some of the things they have been doing or want to do.
 - a. This seems to come from a fear of losing control of their choices.
 2. Despite the belief of some, Christians live enjoyable, fun and joyous lives.
- B. Because of what Salvation involves
 1. It involves more than being religious (**Mt 7:21-23**)
 2. It involves more than being honest/sincere (**Acts 23:1**)
 3. It involves more than being good [moral, neighborly, etc]
 - a. (**Acts 10:1-6, Mt 7:21, Acts 4:12**)

II. God, Christ, the Gospel & Man

- A. **God** has done His part
 1. **John 3:16**
 2. **Romans 5:8**
- B. **Christ** has done His part
 1. **Col 1:13-14**
 2. **Acts 20:28**
- C. **The Gospel** is the power to save
 1. **Romans 1:16**
 2. **James 1:21**
- D. **Man** is invited
 1. **Matthew 11:28-30**
 2. **Revelation 22:17**

III. Lessons for Us Today

- A. Salvation is more valuable than anything
 1. **Matthew 13:45-46**
 2. Counting the cost (**Lk 14:25-33**)
- B. If you refuse to obey God, You will be lost
 1. **2 Thess 1:7-9**
 2. **Romans 6:23**

Application & Conclusion:

1. What do you need to do?
 - a. Recognize God is real and sin is a problem that only He can solve.
2. You won't live forever, delaying can be a mistake (**2 Cor 6:2**)
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9