The Goodness of Our Time
1 Peter 1:10-12

Introduction:
A. It is easy to allow ourselves to live in the past - wish for the “good old days.”
   1. Before the high cost of living.
   2. Before worry about “the bomb.”
   3. Before acquiring responsibilities we now have.
   4. Before all the “problems of in the church.”
   5. Before all the problems we see nightly on TV.
B. It is easy for us to forget the goodness of our own times.
   1. Medical and technological advancements of last 50 years.
   2. The standard of living of our time.
   3. The improvements in church over last 50 years - facilities, full-time preachers, etc.
C. We need to reflect on the goodness of our times as Christians - advantages compared to past ages.

Discussion:
   A. Gives us advantage over the prophetic age (vv. 10-12).
   B. Gives us clearer view of:
      1. Heaven (vv. 3-9).
      2. Life (vv. 13-19).

II. The Clear Revelation God’s Eternal Purpose (Eph. 3:1-12).
   A. Gives us advantage over past ages (vv. 5, 9).
   B. Gives us clear view of one church for all (vv. 6-12).

III. The Clear View of a Complete Revelation (1 Cor. 13:8-12).
   A. Gives us advantage over apostolic age (vv. 11, 12).
   B. Gives us complete view without need for miracles and spiritual gifts (vv. 8-11; Heb. 2:3,4; John 20:30,31).
   C. Gives us all we need for all time (Jude 3).

   A. Gives us advantage over Old Testament System.
   B. Gives us a better:
      1. Lawgiver. (Heb. 3:1-6).
      3. Law with better provisions. (Heb. 8-10).

Conclusion:
A. How good it is to live now!
B. Are we taking full advantage of our times?