

*"To everything (turn, turn, turn), there is a season (turn, turn, turn), and a time to every purpose, under heaven"* goes the classic tune by the Byrds. Peter Seeger is credited with the creation of the song and he based it on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. It should be no surprise that this song has struck a lasting chord in culture, because it is based on the very words of God. If only people would look beyond the song to the source of the truth.

For me it's a reminder in this holiday season to encourage people to look past the appearance of "what is" to "why it is." Sometimes it is as simple as asking if someone knows that "Christmas" is "Christ Mass." Or that there was no evil Inn Keeper or that the Wise Men showed up "late." We interact with people every day and there is an opportunity to speak of spiritual matters in this season even with social distancing and shut-downs. Despite how we may personally be feeling about life during a pandemic or an insane election cycle we must not lose sight of our calling. We point people to Jesus. This season allows great opportunity for fresh perspectives and renewed interest.

Christmas 2020 is not a mistake and God has not been thwarted. He's still at work and there are those who may be born again as the result of your Gospel ministry. The Lord still draws people to Himself and we are those witnesses that testify to what we've experienced. Let's not allow the temptation of complacency or the woes of this world to take our eyes off the author and



perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). Instead, let us leverage this season to eagerly point others to truth. Remember what the angels said to the disciples after Jesus ascended into heaven, "Why do you stand looking

*into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.*" (Acts 1:11) Let's not just be standing here, let's be found at work when the Master returns (Matthew 24:46).

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