

"For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles (Gentiles were considered heathen by the Jews), when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: Who shall give account to Him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead." **1 Peter 4:3-5 KJV**

The only time we can control is now. Decisions affect the future, but do not control it. Only the eternal God, who sees the beginning from the end and created time, can change time and its events with a single spoken Word! The following illustration will allow some understanding. Think of birth as the center point of your circle of time, death as its circumference, and life as the radius between. Man is time-bound. His mind cannot know nor experience the realm of eternity beyond death's door until after death. As we learned in geometry, a circle has a finite radius, but contains an infinite number of points in its circumference, an infinite number of paths from its center to those points, and the infinite beyond. Each soul walks a singular and distinct path in life. *"No man can serve two masters."* Whoever walks the singular path of righteousness through trusting faith in and obedience to God's Word, will arrive at the right point of their time's perimeter. Direction determines destination and there is only one WAY to eternal life: God's Word, Jesus Christ, said, *"I am, the Door, the Way, the Truth, and the Life: No man cometh unto the Father but by me. Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."* There are infinite directions, but only one WAY leads to eternal Life. Until we depart Life's circle, we may change direction at any time, and no matter where we are, always turn towards Christ and eternal Life; forsaking all else! With singleness of mind we can steer the proper compass heading to eternal Life by lashing our helm to God's Word! No one knows where death's rocky shoals lie for them! Let the Captain of Life steer your vessel! We do not possess the strength to hold a steady course in the tempest of time. Once breached, death's shoals separate forever the eternal soul from their body! Time ceases where eternity begins and there is no turning back! *'It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the Judgment.'* Who steers your craft in life's tempest?

All time is past when life is o'er,
A time for Truth will be no more,
There is no time beyond death's door,
Tis Truth alone finds Heaven's shore! ~CGP



The long and short of it is; you alone decide who man's the helm of your life. If you let the counsel of human reason determine your heading, you will shipwreck! What is your compass heading? We cannot know where death's shoals lie in our voyage! It's best to let God's Word steer our vessel, so that when we reach time's perimeter, we may safely cross its boundary into eternal Life!

"Thou (God) wilt shew me the Path of Life: in Thy Presence is fulness of Joy; at Thy Right Hand there are pleasures for evermore." Psalms 16:11 KJV