

January 7, 2008

TURN A CORNER!

At the beginning of your new year, consider the two ways that God thinks of time – two Greek words in Scripture that describe it.

One is “chronos,” from which we get “chronology,” which simply means any point in time: the time of day, for instance, or the time of an era. We talk about our “times;” that’s “chronos.”

Then there’s “kairos,” which means “the opportune moment,” a point in time that’s especially God-arranged.

Second Corinthians 6:2: “I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.”

Mark 1:15: said John the Baptist, “The time has come.”

There’s an occasional “kairos” – an opening of opportunity, a strategic moment from God – in every life, church, nation. Actually, His moments are everywhere, all around us; we simply need eyes to see them so we can act on them.

Indeed, there is the excitement of living a “kairos” lifestyle – on tiptoe, always seeking (and expecting) His newly opened doors.

“ ‘Wake up, O sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.’

“Be very careful, then, how you live, making the most of every opportunity” (Ephesians 5:14, 15).

At the beginning of your new year, remember that it’s automatically a “chronos.” But will you ask God to make it also, for you, a “kairos”? Then you’ll turn a corner!