

A Sign for the Times

We all travel through life looking for signs. When we are going to some place we have never been before, we follow the road signs that give us direction. Even if we are fairly certain of the direction we need to travel, we find it especially comforting to have a sign confirming our path. And, as is often the case, when we are headed in the wrong direction, it is with thankfulness that we see a sign which points us in the right direction so we can change our course and continue our journey.

By now we are all aware of the new sign we have erected out by the highway. But a sign is just a sign unless we put it to good use. The test phase is over and we will now begin putting information on the sign display which tells travelers of special events we want them to know about. We can also display sermon topics and intriguing messages to peak their interest. There is without a doubt a multiplicity of things we can put on the display. But a message is just a message unless we all do our part in furthering those messages. Tell your friends and neighbors about the messages on our sign. Ask people you are with if they have seen the sign and ask them what they think about it and its messages. This can become a very easy way to engage folks in conversation that will hopefully lead to deeper matters concerning them and their souls.

We live in difficult times. People are suffering in many ways, be it from financial hardships to health issues to family crisis matters to spiritual decay. The times are indeed troubling for a lot of people in the world. People are looking for a sign of encouragement as they travel through life and just maybe our sign can be that sign.

Let our sign be a “sign for the times” that can provide an opportunity for people to come in contact with us and we in turn can influence their lives in a positive way.

"Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all *people* everywhere should repent" (Acts 17:30).

"Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19).

For the elders,
Gregg Woodall