

IT IS TIME

We are coming into a real time of judgment and of restoration. In fact, it has already begun. God is bringing about judgment on the world and on his Church. It is a judgment that leads to repentance and then to restoration.

There can be no true restoration without repentance and the reforming of lives. It was those who were baptized by John the Baptist for the sake of reform as they confessed their sins that were then open and ready to receive Jesus. In their acceptance of Jesus and his way, they found healing and restoration.

Judgment is understood primarily in the idea of choice that runs throughout the gospel of John. It is the result of our freely made choices. Judgment comes as we choose either to accept or to reject God's order as revealed through his Son, Jesus Christ.

Judgment will come on the basis of acceptance of God's order in the individual, the family, the Church, and the world. Acceptance of and obedience to his order leads to restoration and wholeness of body, mind, and spirit and begins with you and me.

It is time to choose to follow God and his ways as Jesus has taught us in his Word rather than to follow ourselves, the world's, and man's ways.

It is time to reform our lives and to bring them into God's order. Only then will we see restoration come into our lives, families, faith communities, and world. Only through the restoration of God's life and glory in the Church will the world see and experience the transforming power and presence of the Risen Savior, Head, and Lord.

We must choose to come to *"that perfect man who is Christ, come to full stature."* (Ephesians 4:13).

"Reform your lives! Turn to God so that your sins may be wiped away! Thus may the Lord grant you a season of refreshment, when he sends you Jesus, already designated as your Messiah. Jesus must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration, which God spoke of long ago through his holy Prophets." (Acts 3:19-21)