

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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“Such a Time As This”

Text: Esther 4:13-14

Introduction: Since I arrived here I have not ceased to teach my belief in both the power of prayer and the providence of God. I do not believe that God wants chaos or confusion in our lives. He has great plans for you, our community, His church, and the United States of America! But as we pray for action, we have to be prepared for God to move our hearts. In just a couple of days we will have a very important election. While we pray and think about that day I have some thoughts that I want us to keep in mind.

Discussion:

I. God Has Great Plans For You

Romans 13:11-14 – *“And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.”*

II Timothy 2:2 - Let God use you!

II. God Has Great Plans For Our Community

Romans 1:16 – we must not be ashamed of taking the gospel to our community!

Romans 10:13-17 - How will they hear? (Belief & Obey are the same here)

III. God Has Great Plans For Our Church Family

John 17 – What was Jesus praying for? Unity!

I Corinthians 1:10 – What was Paul praying for? Unity!

IV. God Has Great Plans For Our Country

Christians must vote with these things in mind: Such a time as this!

Luke 20:22-25 - Give God HIS Way!

We have to remember that God has destroyed nations in the past.

Romans 1:28-32 – we need to think spiritually!

Conclusion: God has great plans! We can pray. We can talk. But what we really need to do is take action! You need to fulfill your Christian obligation to vote (**Romans 13:1-7**). Your vote will impact your life, the lives of your children and grandchildren, your community, your church family, and your country. You were placed here for such a time as this! What will you choose?