

TURNING THE CLOCK BACK

Every year we Americans join in a national ritual of turning our clocks back one hour. We did it again this past Sunday.

I suppose that each of us has also had occasions during the year when we wished we could turn the clock back for just one hour so that we could *'re-do'* a particular moment in life. We wish that we could relive that particular moment so that we could make better choices, but unfortunately, we cannot turn the clock back even for those moments. Such moments become a part of our life's story and turning the clock back does nothing to change our history.

Refusing to think about it does not change the moment. Regret cannot change that moment in history.

Pretending that it never happened does not change the facts of the incident. Turning the clock back doesn't work... except for once a year and, even then, the only thing that changes is the face of the clock.

The good news is that there is something that does work for our good. The facts of that unfortunate moment remain unchanged, but some of the consequences of the incident can be radically changed when we present the moment to the Eternal God and ask Him to forgive us and reconcile us to HIS better plan for life. We still may reap some of the fruit of the bad choices we sowed, but when we place the moment in God's hands, He begins to work something good out of our self-determined disasters. When we place our death-producing difficulties in HIS hands, HE washes them in *"the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!"* [Heb.9:14] Thankfully, He also removes that history from HIS memory [Jer.31:34] as HE releases HIS redemptive power into our lives, our future, and our destiny.

As we acknowledge those times to HIM, HE takes those moments and in some supernatural way HE **does** 'turn the clock back', - not to remove or change history, **but to change our future.** He creates something new in us and because of that change our future and destiny is re-written by HIS hand.

You can still 'turn the clock back' today in those particular areas of your life by giving them to HIM.

He alone is able to cause

*"all things to work together for good ...
for those who were called according to HIS purpose."* [Rom.8:28]