

# Changing the Clocks

Change is a-comin'. What's that you say?

Yes, Daylight Saving Time is triggered this weekend. Officially, at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 10, the clocks should be set ahead one hour. That old reminder, *spring ahead*, serves us well. If you forget, you may be an hour late to church on Sunday. Of course, the smart thing is to change the clocks when you retire Saturday evening.

In 1916, Germany and the United Kingdom put Daylight Saving Time (DST) into practice during World War I. The United States initiated DST on March 31 in 1918, in order to conserve fuel needed to produce electricity. Most areas reverted to standard time after the war. In 1942, the United States reinstated DST for the duration of World War II.



The Uniform Time Act of 1966 established a system of uniform DST throughout the country – except for states that voted to stay on standard time. Proponents of DST point out the reduction in energy consumption. Opponents claim that the benefit doesn't justify the adjustment of clocks twice a year and note that the disruption of sleep patterns in the spring corresponds to a spike in the number of serious auto accidents.

In the spiritual realm, the biannual changing of the clocks can serve as a reminder that we have limited time on this earth. Jesus was keenly aware that He had only three years to carry out His earthly ministry.

He tells His disciples that we need to be quick about carrying out the tasks assigned to us by God. Jesus made the most of His “daylight” and accomplished His mission before He died.

We, too, have been created by God to fulfill the purpose and plan He has for each of us. And He equipped us with the gifts we need to fulfill that assignment.

We don't know how brief our life will be. We must “redeem the time” by sharing the Redeemer with others until that day when we can no longer adjust our clocks to gain an extra hour.

*Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time (Colossians 4:5 NKJV).*

– Beecher Hunter