

# A Christian Life Is Always In A Forward Direction

**We cannot turn the clock back, we cannot bring back what we consider were better days.**

**It is neither necessary or desirable that we should be able to do this.**

If we were permitted by some fantastic “*time machine*” to visit some favourite period of the past we would in all probability find the experience extremely disappointing. We would find ourselves in a kind of anachronism, wholly out of place and thoroughly unhappy.

**Each of us is given to occupy our own spot in history.**

**We must do the will of our Creator God by serving our own generation.**

It is in our own day that we must meet our Creator God in satisfying encounter.

It is in our day **not** some pensive yesterday, that we must explore the riches of divine grace, do our allotted work for the Creator God and Saviour and win our crown within the gift of eternal life.

**Today is our day –**

No-one at any time has ever had spiritual graces that we at this time cannot enjoy if we will meet the terms on which they are given.

**Even if the times in which we are living are morally darker, they but provide a background against which we can shine the brighter.**

**Matthew 5:14-16** [NIV] *“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”*

**It is for our generation and by example to our younger generation that we are to be a light to show them the way to their Creator God.**

**The Creator God we worship lives outside of the influence of time, so wherever our tomorrows may carry us, our faithful God will be there ahead of us preparing what is His will that we should be doing and experiencing.**

Our Creator God is the same faithful God He was to Abraham, David and Paul.

These great men did not need us in their generation and we cannot have them with us now, but what is better we can have their God and Father, their Saviour and the same Holy Spirit that made them great.

The normal direction in God’s Word, the Christian Bible, is forward, **not** backward.

The prodigal son did **not** say “*I will go back,*” he said “*I will arise and go to my father;*” from where he was his father’s house was a forward step in his moral activities, it was **no** retreat but a distinct advance over his previous conduct.

**The will of God is always the correct goal for every one of us, and any motion towards God is a forward motion.**

**Even repentance is not a retreat towards the past but a decided march into a more glorious future.**

**Restitution is not a return to yesterday but a step towards a better tomorrow.**

There can be no such thing as going backwards in the spiritual life, a retreat from a spiritual position once held by us as individual Christians.

**If we find we have slipped back then we should immediately reverse the direction by a forward thrust of repentance.**