

"Our Time"

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The new slogan for the Kansas City Royals baseball team is **"OUR TIME."** Well, I've lived here for seventeen years and I've never seen the Royals' time to be the best, to win their division, and to make the playoffs since I've been in Kansas City. However, I **am** old enough to remember the glory days of Frank White, George Brett, Hal McRae, Willie Wilson, and pitchers Bret Saberhagen, Dan Quisenberry, Dennis Leonard, Mark Gubicza, and Charlie Leibrandt. These names won the World Series in 1985. Some of the players on the current roster weren't even born back then! Well, here's hoping that the Royals of 2012 will be the team that makes the playoffs again. Indeed, I hope it will be "Our Time."

However, let every human being who is alive, well, and able to read this article realize that **today** is "Our Time." It is time for us, as Christians, to awake out of spiritual slumber. *"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"* (Rom. 13:11). Sometimes we are lulled to sleep because we have been a Christian for a long time, and we tend to fall into a rut, as though eternity were not looming largely before us. So today is our time to wake up!

Today is **"our time"** to prepare for eternity, whether saint or sinner. It may be that you are not yet ready to meet God in judgment because of sins left unattended. Remember the words of the apostle Paul to the Corinthian brethren: *"For He says: 'In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.' Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation"* (2 Cor. 6:2). Today is "our time" to get ready for our own salvation, which we should work out with fear and trembling (Phil. 2:12).

Now is the time for us, as Christians, **to act like Christians before the world**, in order to be an example to them. *"Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time"* (Col. 4:2). You might save not only yourselves, but some of them as well! Yes, dear reader, **now is our time!**

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