

ONE MINUTE TO
MIDNIGHT ?



It has often been said that as far as mankind is concerned, the clock is at

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Ecologists now say that it is almost too late to repair the damage we have done to our world. Population explosions come with the attendant horrors of disease and starvation. The natural disasters seem to arrive more and more often. Nationalism and "Ethnic Cleansing" stalk the globe, and there is still the nuclear threat, whether from old power stations, or the thousands of missiles still held by west and east. Life is uncertain; Time is certainly running out.

Is there no solution to the problem? Must it always be a case that "the courage of many people will falter because of the fearful fate they see coming upon the earth" (1). If we only look to man, then the answer must be yes. We have failed, and everyday our television s and newspapers emphasize how we have lost our way.

However, there is a wonderful alternative for those who are prepared to look, stopping pursuing the time worn and hopeless course of looking to improve themselves from within. Instead they need

to "set their hope in God " (2). For despite world unrest, He has not abdicated His authority; He is still in complete control.

Not only God's power, but also His Love is made available to anyone who will admit that they are powerless to help themselves.

That love is summed up in " For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish, but have eternal life "(3)

It is the most dramatic event in anyone's life, when they turn from themselves, admit that they are sorry for what they have done in the past, and accept that only Jesus Christ can help them live a better life

Do this right now, and you need have no more fear of what the future will bring, for your life will be in the loving hands of the one who holds, and is, the future

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(1) Luke 21:26 (2) Psalm 78:7 (3) John 3:16

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