Message Title: Passionate Participators

**Theme:** In the gospel of Mark we are admonished to "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength" but how to fulfill this is a problem. The cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches and the lust of other things compete for our affections continually, but God will never compete for your love. Instead He simply says, "Come unto me".

This message is about refocusing our attention on the really important things, the eternal things, things that make a lasting difference.

**Salient Points:** It's not in the money, Bragging on God, Just too busy, Participators verses observers, Levels of participation, Exhibitionists, Opposition motivation, Money motivated, Vicarious feelings, Personal connection, Financial investment, Family connection, A vested interest, A unique future, Total involvement, Passionate or lukewarm, Committed, Come unto me, A light burden, Unresolved conflicts, Stagnated or motivated, seeing God's involvement, When God becomes more important, Where are your affections, A what if.

Series: Our Timeless Creator Remastered - 1006

Sub Series: The Glory of God Part-6 ~ 6-24-07

**Scriptures:** Ps. 50:15, 23, Mat. 11:28-29

**Key Words:** Money, fame, bragging, distracted, participate, observe, exhibitionism, opposition, motivation, vicarious, feelings, investment, family, vested, future, passionate, lukewarm, come, burden, conflict,

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The speaker would like you to know that all of these messages are in the chronological progression that God revealed them, and even though many may stand alone, they progress through several subjects that build on the previous lessons.

This series of messages titled "Our Timeless Creator" (OTC), shift the focus from salvation and service, to understanding God. How He who needs nothing, benefits from creating the human race.

It started in 2007 as God began answering a fervent prayer in connection with Psalm 50:15. "LORD, show me how to glorify you".

The speaker became a new creature, (2 Corinthians 5:17) on May 20 1973. At that moment the reality of GOD's existence and the direct connection to the Bible became miraculously clear. Overwhelmed with excitement he began telling everyone who had a few moments to listen, what he had found, like a man who had found a cure for a terminal illness that everyone had.

His excitement and enthusiasm lasted for well over a year, even when some said, "you'll get over it." Slowly his efforts began to focus on responsibility and all of the how-tos of service. As the excitement faded it was replaced with frustration. He had said many times "the most frustrating thing in life is knowing what GOD could do and watch him not do it". In 2005 GOD began a work as described in Job 5:17-18, that changed everything. He says," it was much like when I first became a child of God all over again".