

BOOK OF HEBREWS
OUR UNCHANGING LORD
HEBREWS 13:8

Introduction

A cynic once remarked that nothing is permanent except change!
We live in a world of change! In fact, we live in a world of dramatic change!
Just think about the dramatic changes we each have seen just in our lifetime!

Technology and Industry have changed at a blinding pace and are still changing!

Gene splicing and genetic engineering.

The advancements in use of DNA as evidence and health.

Computers get smaller and faster.

Education has changed and is still changing!

“Are You Smarter Than A Fifth Grader?”

Some of you may remember the old one room school houses.

Remember when the focus was on the three R’s?

Remember when patriotism was in vogue? Now its globalism.

Remember when Bible reading and prayer were in classes?

Government has changed and is still changing.

Remember when we had true **statesmen** who were defenders of liberty and good and right rather than today’s **statist** politicians who are bent on robbing us of our freedoms?

Remember when a public servant was a public servant?

Remember when our government could keep a secret?

Remember when criminals were criminals?

Remember when the death penalty meant death?

Society has changed and is still changing.

We could spend all day just talking about these changes.

If you had gone into a coma just in the 1960's or 1970's and woke up today you'd think the world had gone stark raving mad with all the changes that have taken place! Good is being called evil and evil is being called good.

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Sometimes the changes come so fast they tumble over each other with barely enough time to take a breath and comprehend what is actually happening!

In such an age as this, many of us look for and long for the time when change was at a much slower pace. We like stability, but things all around us are anything but stable! Rebellion and upheaval against God and right seem to be the order of the day!

But in spite of all the changes we have seen or may see, Jesus remains the same!

I. JESUS CHRIST THE SAME!

Just how marvelous are these four words!

A. Your health will leave you. (elaborate)

B. Your circumstances in life will not remain the same. (elaborate)

C. All too often we find that those around us can not be counted on. (elaborate)

D. Since all this is true, what a relief it is to turn from these changing scenes to Jesus Christ, the same.

Here is the One Who never fails the heart that leans on Him for rest!

1. Health may fail us – but just as Christ assured the Apostle Paul, our hearts can be assured that His strength is made perfect in our weakness.

2. Adversity may crash upon us – but He is the one who draws closer than a brother and reminds us that, *"In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."*

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3. Friends may desert us, so that we end up saying with Paul, *"No man stood with me."* – But we can also say with him, *"Notwithstanding, the Lord stood with me."*
 4. And even when death draws near He assures us, *"I am the resurrection and the life."*
- E. I take great comfort in knowing that my Saviour is referred to in Isaiah 9:6 as *"the everlasting Father"* and as One *"with whom is no variableness or shadow of turning."*

I. JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY!

- A. There is an eternity locked up in these words.
In fact, eternity stands on either side of the Christ of today.
- B. Strictly speaking, there is no past tense with the Lord Jesus Christ.
1. *John 8:58—"Before Abraham was I AM"*
 2. *John 1:1-3—"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."*
 3. We must never neglect to acknowledge the eternal pre-existence of Jesus.
- C. But what of the Jesus of modern history?
1. Born in another man's stable, buried in another man's tomb.
 2. Living in a very small area of land while on this earth.

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3. In His public ministry, he was never over a hundred miles from his hometown.
4. He wrote no books while here, He led no armies, He left His truths with a few plain and unpromising disciples.
5. He died the humiliating and most excruciating death of a criminal.
6. Yet His life stands alone!
What He said and did proves who He is.

Matt. 16:16—"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

- D. But the Jesus Christ of yesterday did not end in a sealed tomb. Christians are not living on a memory.
- E. In the midst of despair Jesus appeared to His disciples as the eternal King; victorious over death, hell, and the grave!

Then not many days after that He empowered His Church to continue in His name.
- F. Jesus Christ of yesterday is the Eternal Son from everlasting with the Father, sharing with Him in creation.
1. Jesus Christ of yesterday is the Word made flesh, taking the form of a servant, made sin for us.
 2. Jesus Christ of yesterday is the risen and glorified Christ, living His life in literally millions of lives through 2,000 years.

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III. JESUS CHRIST THE SAME TODAY!

- A. Many find themselves getting upset with God because Christ is not working to suit their own private agenda and timetable. (Luke 7:19-23)
- B. Christ is doing exactly what He purposed to do in this age, and His program is following the Father's schedule.
1. Some see Christ's work while He walked this earth:
"The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the Gospel is preached."
 2. Some may say, *"Yes Jesus did that then, but He is not doing it now."*
But, consider the working of Christ in this age.
 - a. Eyes blinded by the god of this world are still being opened by the light of the world.
 - b. Those crippled by sin are walking in the newness of life thanks to the great physician.
 - c. Modern-day Naamans dip in the fountain filled with blood and lose their spiritual leprosy.
 - d. Ears are being opened to the music of heaven.
 - e. Those who are dead in trespasses and sins are being quickened to eternal life.
 - f. And the world over, the Gospel is being preached to the poor.
 3. The Lord Jesus Christ is still the same today as He was yesterday.

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He is still doing mighty works...and if He is not doing them in your life it may be because — while you hold the Jesus of yesterday in high regard, you have not experienced the Jesus of today. [Matthew 13:54-58]

IV. JESUS CHRIST THE SAME FOREVER!

- A. It would not be enough that He is the same yesterday and today if somehow He could cease to be.
1 Corinthians 15:19—"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."
- B. But He lives and the best is yet to come!
1. He has promised to come for us.
 2. We will see Him as He is and we shall be like Him. Then we will rule and reign with Him.
 3. Sorrow will be removed...sickness will be vanquished...sin will be conquered...and...death will be destroyed.
- C. And in the middle of all this is Jesus Christ!

Conclusion

So, in this changing age, rejoice in a changeless Christ!

1. He is the same yesterday, and because of who he was yesterday, the Son of God dying for the sins of the world, He meets the problem of our yesterdays, our guilt before a holy God!
2. He is the same today, and because of Who He is today, our Lord and our Advocate, He meets the problem of our todays, He directs our lives and pleads our cases before the Father!
3. He is the same forever, and because He is, He meets the problem of our tomorrows, He assures us of life eternal and a home with Him!