

Comfort in Stability

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

Hebrews 13:8

The longer we live, one thing is certain- everything changes! Looking at old family pictures proves that point. Our physical features, clothing styles, and our dwellings have changed as the years passed. Some changes have been by design and produced positive effects, while other changes occurred naturally with age. Because of uncertainties, we are often resistant to change. We draw a level of comfort from familiarity. One thing is certain and reassuring during all the changes of life, Jesus Christ stays the same!

Throughout the Bible narrative the constancy of the Godhead is confirmed over and over in titles and types. In the first chapter of Genesis, God was there before all of creation, and it is God who is seated on the throne in the last chapter of Revelation. Abraham called upon the everlasting God El Olam at Beer-sheba. That same God oversaw Israel's four hundred years of affliction in Egypt. It was He who gave the blueprints of the ark to Noah, and the Commandments to Moses a millennium later. We read of Him speaking to Joshua, and three hundred years later He speaks to Samuel. In Psalms, He is revealed as the *Rock that is higher than I*, and the God who is from *everlasting to everlasting*. In Daniel, He is referred to as the *Ancient of Days*, and in Malachi as the LORD that changes not. Though heaven and earth will pass away, His Word will not, for it is forever settled. *That Word became flesh* during the reign of Caesar Augustus, and thirty years later Jesus reminded the Pharisees that He *was* before Abraham. We find that Jesus' substitutionary and sacrificial death was foreordained before the foundation of the world to establish everlasting life for believers when this world is no more. In the closing book of God's revelation, we find Jesus as the *Alpha and Omega*, the beginning and the end and everything in between. At the creation of the world the Spirit of God moved upon the waters, and in the book of Acts, as Jesus promised, He indwells the hearts of believers as the eternal Comforter.

Through seasons of change, the one constant that we have is God. The God of Moses and Elijah is also our God. His compassion, concern, and comfort have not wavered throughout all of time. Jesus and His teachings are the steady Rock on which we can build our lives; no matter the severity of life's storms, our everlasting foundation stands sure. Friends and associates may change or even forsake us; but Jesus, the Friend of sinners, is ever True and Faithful. So, we may rest throughout the inevitable variations of life knowing that Jesus Christ is always there for us. *He is the same yesterday, today and forever.* Hallelujah!

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