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CHANGING TIMES



Do you like to keep “up-to-date” in the modern world in which we live? I am finding that this is becoming harder and harder as time goes by. Things are changing so fast that it is overwhelming.

Twenty years ago there was a lot of talk about how available information would double by the year 2000. While many thought, including myself, “no way. That has to be a mistake. I can’t keep up with everything now,” change did take place. In fact, as I gained more information the more I realized how much I did not know.

Things were more simple years ago. A mule or horse responded to “voice commands.” Now, we issue “voice commands,” to our computers and cell phones. Cell phones! I can remember the old dial-up telephones with party lines. These older phones had very short power chords and you had to remain very close to the phone to use it. You also had to wait your turn if someone else on your line was talking. Now, we have cell phones we carry around with us everywhere we go. And “texting!” For me, this is practically non-existent. I do well to push the appropriate buttons to make or receive a call. A telephone that takes pictures? Who would have even thought about such a possibility a few years ago. “Twitter!” Isn’t this something birds do? Just a few years ago, we waited for the postman to deliver our mail. Now with Email, we can instantly send messages to people all over the world. No wonder the USPS is in trouble.

I remember growing up getting our milk and cream from a jersey cow, not the super-market. We got our heat from a kerosene stove, not a heat-pump on an air conditioning unit. (The kerosene stove was considered a wonderful “modern invention” by my grandparents who heated with a wood burning fireplace.) When I learned to drive, the first car I attempted to drive had a long gear shift lever coming up out of the floor and a clutch that you had to “let out” just right to keep the car from jerking and stalling.

Religious thought has also changed. Many religious organizations no longer accept the scriptures as being inspired. Many reject the idea of a virgin birth. Many reject plain teaching found in God’s Word about the life style that God approves.

There have been many more changes in the last several decades, and change will continue as long as the earth stands. Whether we like it not, we are living in a technical world and even though we may not be able to avail ourselves of all of the changes, or even understand them, they will occur.

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But, amid all the changes, there are things that will never change! God will never change. Notice what the Bible says: *“God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?”* (Numbers 23:19). God Himself said, *“I the Lord do not change”* (Malachi 3:6). Again the New Testament teaches: *“In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. 11 They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. 12 You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end.”* (Hebrews 1:10-12). James says, *Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.* (James 1:17-18)

These passages all teach that God will never change. There is an important fact we need to realize. There are several immoral acts that God calls “an abomination.” The Bible says that the “alternate life-style” than many choose to live is an abomination.

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This will never change regardless of those who insist that acts of immorality are to be accepted. What was an abomination is always an abomination. This will never change.

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Many today try to change Jesus. Some religions deny His Deity. He was only a prophet, they say. But He is God’s Son. He co-existed with God from the beginning (John 1:1-14). He will never change.

God’s Word, the Bible, will never change. Many people attempt to change the meaning, or place their own interpretation on scripture, but we cannot change what God has revealed to through the scriptures. Notice this warning: *I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. 19 And if anyone takes words*

away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. (Revelation 22:18-19).

In spite of this warning many attempt to change God’s Word. They insist that it is out of date, or out of touch with our modern world. But to add to or take away from God’s inspired revelation is to bring God’s condemnation on those who do so.

The Gospel story will never change. God is the origin of all life (Genesis 1:1). We have messed everything up. God sent His Son to undo the mess we have made. By His death, burial and resurrection, Jesus became our Savior and He gives us the ability through Him to restore all the changes we have made because of sin.

The plan of salvation originated in the mind of God before He laid the foundations of the world. This plan has never changed. Men have tried to alter it to suit their own need. Men have attempted to change the terms of redemption. But we can never change God’s plan of salvation. It is the same as it was when it originated in the mind of God.

God requires faith (Hebrews 11:6). He commands all men everywhere to repent (Luke 13:3). He requires us to confess our faith in Him as God’s Son in a public way (Romans 10:9,10). He requires baptism, a burial in water, in order to be saved (1 Peter 3:21; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27, Romans 6:4). God’s plan is designed around the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. Our obedience must match this pattern. We die to sin, (repentance), we are buried with Christ (baptism), we are resurrected to a new life, (new birth). This pattern will never change because God and Christ are change-less.

This is a matter of faith! No matter what is said or done, Jesus remains the changeless One. When we place our trust in Him two things happen: 1). We change the way we live and who we are, and 2). God covers us with the blood of His Son when we obey the Gospel and we are covered even though we still make messes. God calls this forgiveness. Will you change your life by obeying the changeless One? God does not change—Christ does not change—but we must.



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GOD’S
PLAN OF SALVATION
Believe—Heb. 11:6
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Mk.16:16, Acts 2:38,
1 Pet. 3:21**