

Un-Changeable

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

During the time of COVID-19 the phrase “New Normal” is heard when describing of how this disease is forcing people to live in quite a radically different manner. Everything that we deal with in this world is constantly, though imperceptibly, changing. Times, economies, circumstances and conditions constantly change. And we soon learn that people are fickle. They change very quickly.

In the hymn *Abide with Me* (LSB 878) we find the phrase “Change and decay in all around I see.” That pretty much sums up a goodly portion of our life here on earth.

But not so with Jesus Christ!

Verse 7 of this chapter speaks about how the leaders of Israel had depended on their faithful God. The writer of Hebrews reminds his readers that they have the same trustworthy Lord.

Our verse is a confession of the changelessness of Christ! According to His eternal divinity, His covenant of grace does not change.

“Yesterday” is the time before Jesus’ incarnation and goes all the way back to Creation where He was a full participant in bringing about the world. “Today” means the Christ whom the eyewitnesses saw was still the same, and what they had said about him was still true. “Forever” means that it will be eternally true.

Verse 4 of *Abide with Me* ends with the phrase “Thou who chang-est not abide with me.” He is unchangeable, and therefore the victory of the believers is at all times assured.” Christ and His Word continue.

We have that same dependable and loving Lord. He does not get tired of us when we disappoint him. He does not count our sins and say “That’s enough. I have come to the end of my rope.” He is with us in every circumstance and situation. He celebrates our joys and weeps with us when we cry. In His eyes we are perfect because of His suffering, death and resurrection.

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for never changing in your love for us. Through your Word help us to see your ongoing love and forgiveness and be at peace. Help us to share that calm and serenity with those around us. Amen.