

Changeless

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Change is something that has been addressed by many over the history of the world. The idea that change is the only certainty in life is often attributed to the Greek philosopher Heraclitus. One of the fragments of his writings that remains is, "Everything changes and nothing remains still; and you cannot step twice into the same stream".

"Death and taxes" is a phrase commonly referencing a famous quotation written by American statesman Benjamin Franklin.

Everything that we deal with in this world is constantly, though imperceptibly, changing. Times, people, circumstances and conditions constantly change. And we soon learn that people are fickle. They change quickly. But not so with Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday – before he came into the world, before his passion, before his ascension – and today, in heaven. The thought of the triumph of faith leads to the thought of Him in whom faith triumphs. He is unchangeable, and therefore the victory of the believers is at all times assured.

John 1:1-5 confirms this when it says: **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Christ and His Word will always continue. Matthew 24:35 supports that: **Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.**

Christ's changelessness is of incredible comfort to us his dear children. It means that he will always be ready to forgive us our sins. It means that he will always love us. It means that he will always be with us no matter where we are. It means that he will always take care of our earthly needs. It means that he will honor that faith he worked in our hearts and take us to heaven when we die. It means that in him we have all that we need for this life for the world to come.

Prayer: Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me. Amen. (LSB 878 Hymn Abide With Me – stanza 4)