

JESUS WILL HAVE THE FINAL WORD
Why? Because he is the final word! Hebrews 13:8
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What does Hebrews 13:8 mean for you and me today when it says that Jesus is unchangeable?

The Bible declares that: *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.*

You are DEFINED BY JESUS CHRIST and what his Word says about you.

TODAY WE HAVE THREE QUESTIONS IN MIND TO ASK ABOUT THIS VERSE.

How Is Jesus Always the Same?

Why Does He Emphasis Yesterday, Today and Forever?

What Is the Application Of This Verse Daily In Our Lives?

SO WE ASK: HOW IS JESUS ALWAYS THE SAME?

Permit me to illustrate this sameness. This is an interesting word: **Fickle -adjective** **It Means: likely to change frequently, suddenly, or unexpectedly a fickle friendship that was on and off over the years.** **Synonyms (36 other words) volatile unpredictable changeful unstable inconsistent capricious variable uncertain inconstant erratic**

Jesus is anything but FICKLE. This means that Jesus can't respond with joy over you today and CHANGE HIS MIND the next day! His attitude and desires for you NEVER CHANGES.

His Sameness Is the Sameness of God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.

What we read about Jesus in the bible, written 2000 years ago is as accurate and relevant as if it was written this morning. The most significant thing to notice in these verses is that the writer to the Hebrews clearly calls the Son of God "God."

God the Father says to his Son, *"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever" (verse 8).*

Therefore, the writer ascribes to him the work of creating the universe. *"The heavens are the work of Your hands" (verse 10).*

And then he draws out the implication in verse 12: the creation, which seems so stable and permanent and changeless will, in fact, *"be changed like a garment," but "you are the same, and your years will not come to an end."*

As Hebrews 1:3 says, "He [Christ] is the radiance of His [God's] glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power."

Hebrews 4:15 calls him a "sympathizing High Priest." He can and does respond differently to our different circumstances. But now we see that not only are those responses rooted in a consistent character of love and wisdom and righteousness and power, BUT also in a perfect knowledge and plan so that he never changes his mind because of unforeseen circumstances.



WHY DOES HE EMPHASIS YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER?

Today: It is crucial that Jesus Christ be the same today as he was yesterday because today is where we have fellowship with him and relate to him as the person we know by reading about his life and work yesterday.

Tomorrow-Forever: It is crucial that Jesus Christ be the same tomorrow as he was yesterday and today because all our hope for everlasting joy hangs ultimately on relating to him and who he is.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION OF THIS VERSE IN OUR LIVES *FOREVER*?

We read that Jesus Never Changes. Hebrews 13:8

WHEN we say that Jesus Christ is the same forever this is what it means for you and me:

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations. Jeremiah 1:5

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? 1 Corinthians 3:16

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1:12-13

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. 2 Timothy 1:7

In Heb 13:7, the writer encourages us to remember and imitate our leaders who lived by this kind of faith in Jesus' promises.

Verse 5-7: "Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith." They modeled faith in the promises: "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you. . . . I will be your helper in all your needs."

His love is the same; his righteousness is the same; his wisdom is the same; his power is the same.

The solution to living powerfully in this diseased, unjust, broken world is **Jesus**.

And because Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever what once was true about Jesus always will be true about Jesus.

What does Hebrews 13:8 mean for you and me today that Jesus is unchangeable.

The answer is powerful: Jesus never changes. What he said 2000 years ago is as valid today as it was then. No matter what life throws at us we can bank on his constant truth, love and character.

JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER!

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