

CHANGE

The Bible says that God doesn't change.

Malachi 3:6

“For I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.”

Hebrews 13:8

“Jesus Christ {is} the same yesterday and today, {yes} and forever.”

This is good news for us. He is the same no matter the circumstances. He loves us (John 3:16) and will not change who He is or what He intends to do with and for the church. We can “take to the bank” what He says because there is no variation in Him;

James 1:17

“Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow.”

He does, however, change in the way He does things. That's why the Old Testament saints always inquired of God about what He wanted or how He wanted them to do things. Often, for example, He would tell them to go into battle, but to use different tactics. He told the Israelites to march around Jericho seven times; He told David not to go up directly against the Philistines, but to circle around behind them (2 Samuel 5:23-25); He limited Gideon to 300 men and had them use trumpets, pitchers and torches (Judges 6). In all cases, it brought about victory.

On the other hand, we are to be creatures of change. We must transform (completely changed – Romans 12:1), renew our minds (Romans 12:2), and completely put off our old selves and put on the new.

Ephesians 4:22-24

*“that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,
and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind,
and put on the new self, which in {the likeness of} God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.”*

God doesn't change because He is perfect. However, we are in the process of becoming like Him, so we must change. Our lifestyle must be one of repentance – turning away from sin and, instead, embracing righteousness. We are new creatures in Jesus and we are to walk out on the outside what has happened to us on the inside.

2 Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore if any man is in Christ, {he is} a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.”