

# THE NEVER CHANGING JESUS

## WHAT IT MEANS THAT JESUS IS THE SAME FOR EVER

*"I am the LORD, I change not*

*~ Malachi 3:6*

### 1. God Never Changes

- a. Bible: 1) there is one God; 2) three are equally God; 3) three are distinct in person only
- b. Attributes of God (three are one): eternal, holy, true, good, omniscient, omnipotent ...
- c. Immutable ~*def.* unalterable, not capable or susceptible to change.
- d. The Lord God (three in one) never changes (immutable) – Mal 3:6, Jam 1:17
- e. There are many changing things in the Bible. God is not one of them.
- f. Man can change. The man Christ Jesus is God. *Does he change? Does God change?*

### 2. God vs. His Revelation

- a. Dispensational Bible study = the study of God's changing instructions, will, acts, relation
- b. The doctrine of the Godhead is Not dispensational – it does not change with revelation.
- c. What can be known of God is progressively revealed, but he is always the same.
- d. "I AM THAT I AM" = he is eternally the same - Exo 3:14, Ps 90:2, Isa 44:6
- e. Defining God by progressive manifestation (Son begotten at birth) changes God.

### 3. The Immutable God

- a. It is wrong to think of unchanging God as rigid, cold, impersonal, never moving/acting
- b. That God never changes is how God in his perfection differs from man in imperfection.
- c. That God never changes means that he endures forever – Ps 102:24-28
- d. God never changes means he will/can keep his promises – Mal 3:6, 1 Sam 15:29
- e. God does not lie (like men), his truth never changes – Num 23:19, Heb 6:18-20
- f. God's always perfect, he never gets better (or worse) – Ps 77:9
- g. God is not influenced by flights of fancy, impulsive decisions, bribed, pressured, forced.
- h. God does need to grow up, mature, learn to be, reach his potential, existential change.
- i. God never rethinks his identity, turns over a new leaf, varies with the seasons. Ja 1:17
- j. God changing responses and interaction always according to his unchanging virtue.
  - i. (The same sun melts wax and hardens clay, warms, cooks, winter.)
- k. This all means that God is stable, consistent, dependable, unfailing, trustworthy.

### 4. Jesus Never Changes

- a. Man changed for the worse with sin. God made man changeable for his salvation.
- b. That the Word of God became flesh does not change God. It changes man.
- c. The incarnation was not a change in God, but a change in what had man would be.
- d. Jesus (as a man) was conceived, born, grew, increased – Lu 2:40, 47-49, 52, Heb 5:8-9
- e. He would suffer and die, stop breathing, be resurrected/glorified – John 17:5
- f. The person of Jesus, the deity of Jesus, never changed it always is – John 8:58
- g. Man changed, but the God the Son is always the same – Heb 1:8, 10-12, 13:18
- h. Man would be forever changed, because God changed man for the better – 2 Cor 5:17
- i. He is and always was the everlasting God – Rev 1:8, 11, 17-18
- j. There are not three modes, but three persons in Godhead, and there will never be a 4<sup>th</sup>
- k. The reason we can trust Jesus Christ, the Son of God, for eternity is he never changes.