

"One Constant In A World Of Change"

By Elder Curtis Pugh, 1944 - 2014

People, politics, religion, opinions, morals, economics, laws – you name it and it has changed, is in process of changing or will soon change. Is there nothing that remains constant? Is there no solid rock among the ever changing waves crashing around us?

Yes, there is one unchanging constant. In Malachi 3:6 we read: "For I am the LORD, I change not..." Jehovah is always the same, always dependable, always constant. Again we read, "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" (Numbers 23:19). A similar statement is made in 1 Samuel 15:19 where it is written, "And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent." James contrasts God with the sun which is constantly producing moving shadows, calling Him, "...the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning," (James 1:17).

Because He never changes we can depend upon what He has said. Because of this Paul wrote, "For all the promises of God in him [Christ] are yea, and in him Amen," (2 Corinthians 1:20). God does not change. He does not need to change either His mind or His actions. (He may be said to repent - change or turn – only in that He may proceed in a certain direction for a time and then after arriving at a predetermined point move in a different direction, but this is all to achieve His predetermined purpose which has never changed.)

Joseph was instructed concerning the name of Mary's firstborn, "...thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins," (Matthew 1:20) and He is doing just that. In the Old Testament it was prophesied of Christ that, "He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law," (Isaiah 42:4). Neither God the Father, God the Son, nor God the Holy Spirit has ever failed nor will failure ever be known to God! He is dependable. His Word is sure.

His Word reveals His Son, the Savior, the Messiah, the Christ, God's Anointed. Christ is called by God, "...mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth..." (Isaiah 42:1). The One in whom the Father delights is the One who is "the firstborn from the dead," (Colossians 1:18). God's foreknowledge of certain individuals and His predestination of them shall eventually conform them to the image of Christ, thus making Christ "the firstborn among many brethren." We learn this from Romans 8:29 which says, "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren." So it is that God, without failure, is constant and dependable in successfully carrying out His plan of salvation – which is the only plan of salvation.

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Our Prayer List

"Pray without ceasing."
1 Thessalonians 5:17

Sister Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Danny Mollette, 12-year-old Lucas, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ricky Henderson and Family, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Jerry Hughes, Shirly King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, Shane and Brook Sims, Ricky Bennett, Nick, Madison, and Baby Emory Patty, and Russell York, Brother Medic, Sister Mhalyn Lavina and children, Brother Jerry Dodson, Brother Gary and Sister White, Brother David and Sister Jevonna O'Neal, Sister Rebecca Sidders, Mark and Kathy Johnson.

Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Act 1:8

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, and Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania

Pastor's thought for the week.

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;" 1 Peter 5:2

Truth and False Doctrine Will Never Walk Together.

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. (10) If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: (11) For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." 2 John 1:9 - 11

Christians, we all need to take these scriptures as a warning. We are not our own, no, not at all, we belong to God because before the foundation of the world God chose us as His own, and in time Jesus Christ redeemed us to be God's once again. We were all born into sin, this means we came from our mother's womb sinners and in doing so we left the fold of God's chosen and became sinners and separated from God wondering in a lost and dying world. When God said in this parable of the lost sheep, *"What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing."* Luke 15:4 We all came into this world lost sheep of God whom He gave to Jesus before the foundation of the world. However, in this world we were lost, sinful, and wondering in a dark world not knowing we truly belonged to Jesus. We are blessed because we had a Saviour, a Shepherd who left heaven and came to this world to seek and to find His lost sheep. He found us, because we could never find Him, because we were never looking for Him. Jesus brought us back to His fold and put us with the other ninety and nine. What a glorious gift to us who were elected before the world as God's children and gifted to Jesus. While we still dwell in this dark and sinful world we are no longer bounded to sin because Jesus has set us free from Satan's power and sin. God sent His Holy Spirit to us to teach us, and we learned the doctrine of God's word day by day as we studied to rightly divide the word of Truth. God was also gracious to us to set us into a church where our Pastors and Teachers could feed us the truth of God's Word. This doctrine of the bible, this word of truth, should be the most precious thing in our life. We need to continually feed on it and nourish our spiritual hearts and causing spiritual growth. Our most closet time with our God and our Saviour is when we meet with them in study, but it is more precious when we meet in our churches to study and worship together. God warned us to never sell the truth Pro. 23:23 but to surrender all, even our lives to protect it.

Pastor's Thought Continue.

God said, *"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ..."* and if you surrender the true doctrine you, *"hath not God."* What a horrible thought, to understand that if we surrender the truth of the doctrine we have once again separated ourselves from fellowship with God. God warned in Amos 3:3 *"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"* and the answer is no they cannot, especially with God. Therefore, it is our responsibility to God and to Jesus our churches Head to hold the line on bible doctrine. We are to protect our church from false doctrine and always *"rightly dividing the word of truth."* So that we are never ashamed before our Lord and Master. God said if anyone comes among us who has a different doctrine we are not to, *"receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed."* Because there is nothing more damaging to a house of sheep than a wolf in sheep clothing. We need to send that wolf and his false doctrine on his way, *"neither bid him God speed:"* This is because helping him in anyway is partaking of his evil deeds, and getting caught up in his lies and false doctrine. Pray for his soul, pray for his coming to truth, but never pray to our God of Truth to help him spread his false doctrine. Never give him a place in your church to pray, sing, or to speak in any way, just ask him to go, before there is damage in the Lord's church. *"For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."* Remember that two cannot walk together unless we agree and Truth never will agree with false doctrine, ever! Many of Christians and even church have committed apostasy with the truth and God because they have failed to heed God's warning and in Judgment they will pay for their apostasy. Please watch whom you listen to, and if it is not Truth, please turn your ears from it.

Church information and Happenings

- Happy Birthday to Sister Sarah Henderson Friday January 3rd
- Happy Birthday to Brother Ronnie Henderson Saturday January 4th
- Please be in much prayer for our dear brother in Christ Jerry Dodson as his time is limited.
- Please remember to be in much prayer for Brother Ronnie Henderson and Sister Sarah.

