

The Unchangeable Christ (Hebrews 13:8)

Introduction:

1. Hebrews begins by stating that Jesus is God's spokesman today.
2. Near the end of Hebrews (13:8) we learn that Jesus is unchangeable -- He is *"the same yesterday, and today, and forever."*
3. We need to remember this characteristic of the Lord as we endeavor to grow in our knowledge of Him (2 Peter 3:18).
4. In our lesson we are pointing out a number of subjects in connection with the Lord that are everlasting and unchangeable.
5. Let us begin by showing that . . .

Discussion:

- I. THE WORDS OF THE UNCHANGEABLE CHRIST ARE EVERLASTING
 - A. Jesus made this point in Matthew 24:35.
 - B. He stated in John 14:23 that He will bless those who keep His words.
 - C. He also gave a strong warning against rejecting His words (John 12:48).
 - D. We learn from Revelation 22:18-19 that the Lord's words must not be altered.
- II. THE COVENANT OF THE UNCHANGEABLE CHRIST IS EVERLASTING
 - A. This point is made in Hebrews 13:20-21.
 - B. Much is said in Hebrews about the Lord's covenant.
 1. Jesus is *"the mediator of the new covenant"* (Hebrews 12:24).
 2. According to Hebrews 8:6-13, His covenant fulfilled a prophecy made in Jeremiah 31:31-34.
 3. Jesus died and shed His blood so His covenant could go into effect.
 4. Severe punishment is in store for those who treat the Lord's covenant as unholy (Hebrews 10:26-31).
- III. THE KINGDOM OF THE UNCHANGEABLE CHRIST IS EVERLASTING
 - A. This point is made in 2 Peter 1:11.
 - B. Years earlier, Daniel prophesied about God's kingdom that would *"never be destroyed"* (Daniel 2:44).
 - C. In Matthew 16:18-19, Jesus said He would build His church that He identified as *"the kingdom of heaven."*
 - D. Jesus showed how the kingdom is entered in John 3:3, 5.
 - E. When we are born again we are translated into the kingdom (Colossians 1:13).
- IV. THE PRIESTHOOD OF THE UNCHANGEABLE CHRIST IS UNCHANGEABLE
 - A. This point is made in Hebrews 7:23-24.
 - B. The writer continued by describing Jesus as our High Priest (Hebrews 7:25-27).
 - C. As High Priest, Jesus offers help to His followers (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Conclusion:

1. We learn from Hebrews 13:8 that Christ is faithful and dependable -- He is *"the same yesterday, and today, and forever."*
2. His words, His covenant, and His kingdom are everlasting, and His priesthood is unchangeable.
3. In closing, let us consider how the salvation of the unchangeable Christ is eternal (Hebrews 5:7-9).
4. Have you obeyed Him?