

## The Changeless Christ

Text: Hebrews 13:8

Intro: Have you ever wondered why the crowds were attracted to Jesus and followed Him?

When men came into contact with the Lord Jesus Christ, they found grace and truth; they found sweetness and strength; they found meekness and majesty; they found light and love. He appealed to men, but when he died on a cross, that cross became an offense. The Cross is still an offense, but Jesus is still attractive.

- A. He was strong but gentle—so gentle that little children came to Him.
    1. However, He could drive the money-changers out of the temple and they ran for cover, because He was *man* enough to put them out.
  - B. People followed Him because they loved Him, and they knew they were in the presence of a real man.
  - C. In Capernaum He healed a leper and then had to leave because the crowds pressed around Him so that He couldn't even continue His ministry.
    1. Even publicans and sinners came to Him, which was the thing that so angered the religious crowd.
  - D. When He went to Jericho the crowds lined the way so that little Zacchaeus had to climb up a tree in order to see Him.
  - E. It was the *person* of Christ that appealed to them; it was not His *teachings*.
    1. At the very beginning of His ministry, it was His teaching that offended.
    2. His declaration that He was going to die to redeem men was not popular.
    3. He taught that He was the Bread of Life.
    4. He taught that men must come to Him in order to be saved.
      - a. He taught that no man can come to Him except the Father draw him (John 6:44).
  - F. John's record tells us that, (John 6:60, 66), *60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? 66 -68 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life"*
  - G. The crowd of followers continued to narrow down. Why?
    1. Because of His teaching.
  - H. It is said that when Savonarola in the city of Florence went before the great populace and said, "Be free," they applauded him.
    1. But when he said to them, "Be pure," they ran him out of town.
  - I. Men still refuse the teaching of Jesus when it does not appeal to them.
  - J. It seems that people will only come to Jesus when they are desperate.
  - K. How wonderful it is to know that in a fast changing world, we have a Saviour that never changes.
    1. He isn't affected by time, circumstances, sickness or death.
    2. He is always there and always watching over His own.
- I. Christ is Changeless in His Wisdom.**
- A. He is the only wise God (Jude 25) *To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.*
    1. He is mighty—all power is given unto Him in heaven and in earth.
    2. This universe has not slipped from under His control.
    3. One day you are going to bow on your knees to Him.
  - B. He has wisdom that astonishes men (Matt 13:54). *And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?*

## II. Christ is Changeless in His Holiness.

- A. He knew no sin (2 Cor 5:21) *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*
  - 1. He who knew no sin took our place in death that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.
- B. He was without sin in His life (Heb 4:15) *For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*
  - 1. When me and you are tempted Satan always finds something in us which was not in Christ, "Sin."
- C. He abides in a life of faithfulness (2 Timothy 2:13). *If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.*
  - 1. God cannot accept as true one who is false.
  - 2. God knows your heart, if you are saved or lost

### III. Christ is Changeless in His Love.

- A. His death at Calvary proves His love toward us (Eph 5:2) *And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.*
- B. He manifests His love in cleansing from sin (Rev 1:5) *Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,*
  - 1. The blood of Christ is very important; it is not just a symbol.
  - 2. In the Old Testament, God taught His people that "...the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. (Leviticus 17:11)
  - 3. He gave His *life* for you and for me.
  - 4. Shame on anyone that would belittle the blood of Christ.
- C. He gives us love that is inseparable (Rom. 8:35-39).

### IV. Christ is Changeless in His Power.

- A. He has power over all flesh (John 17:2). *As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.*
  - 1. This power over all flesh includes both the saved and the lost
  - 2. All God's children are in His family and in Christ (Eph 3:15)
  - 3. God gave the church to Jesus Christ as a love gift. (John 17:11). *And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.*
    - a. Just like He gave the Levites to Aaron (Num 2:33) *But the Levites were not numbered among the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses. (Num 3:6-7) 6 Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister unto him. 7 And they shall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of the congregation, to do the service of the tabernacle.*
- B. He has power to overcome the world (John 16:33). *These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

### V. Christ is Changeless in His Gospel Invitation.

- A. His invitation is extended by the Holy Spirit (Rev 22:17). *And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*
- B. His invitation is to all; Matt. 11:28.

### VI. Christ is Changeless in His Ability to Save

- A. He is the only way to Heaven (John 14:6).
- B. He is the only person who can save (Acts 4:12.).
- C. He has the ability to forgive sins (Luke 7:48-49). *And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. 49 And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also?*

**Conclusion:** In Mal. 3:6 - God told Israel: "**For I am the LORD, I change not;**" ...That truth still stands today, and it will never change