

# *Things That Don't Change*

**TEXT: Psa. 46:1-5; Jer. 13:23**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

- A. THE EARTH CHANGES - HISTORY, POLITICS, TECHNOLOGY.
- B. PEOPLE DON'T CHANGE( **Matt. 9:36** ).
- C. THERE ARE SOME THINGS WE CANNOT CHANGE.

## **I. THE IMPORTANCE OF AUTHORITY.**

- A. JESUS IS LORD( **Col. 3:17; 1 Pet. 3:15** ).
- B. TOO MANY LIKE THOSE IN MALACHI( **Mal. 1:13** ).
- C. GOD SPEAKS THROUGH JESUS( **Heb. 1:1-2; Luke 10:16** ).
- D. IMPLICATIONS OF IGNORING AUTHORITY( **2 John 9; Lev. 10:1-2** ).

## **II. OF SOUND DOCTRINE.**

- A. **1 Tim. 1:10; 6:3; 2 Tim 1:13; 4:3; Titus 1:9, 13; Titus 2:1, 2.**
- B. FALSE DOCTRINE CONDEMNS( **1 Tim. 1:3-4; Eph. 4:14; Rom. 16:17** ).
- C. IS DOCTRINE IMPORTANT? DARE WE SEEK TO CHANGE IT?

## **III. OF MORALITY.**

- A. WE ARE CONFUSED.
  - 1. Cannot distinguish between right and wrong( **Isa. 5:20; Heb. 5:14** ).
  - 2. The condemnation of the priests in moral matters ( **Jer. 5:30-31; Mal 2:8** ).
- B. OUR WARNING( **2 Pet. 2:1-4, 17-20** ).
- C. IT IS OCCURRING. Divorce , gambling , drinking, dancing( **Gal. 5:19-21** ).

## **IV. OF UNITY.**

- A. PAUL'S ESSAY ON UNITY( **Eph. 4:1-16** ).
  - 1. Personal( **vs. 1-3** ) Love is vital.
  - 2. Doctrinal( **vs. 4-6** ) Agreement is necessary.
  - 3. Practical( **vs. 7-16** ) Cooperation is demanded.
- B. DO WE VALUE UNITY AS MUCH AS JESUS?( **John 17:20-21; 1 Cor. 1:10** ).

## **V. OF FELLOWSHIP.**

- A. WHAT IS FELLOWSHIP, *koinonia*, "fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation"( **Thayer** ).
- B. UPON WHAT IS FELLOWSHIP BASED?( **1 John 1:3, 6-7** ).
  - 1. What do we have with those walking in the light? in the dark?
  - 2. What are the implications concerning the righteous( **Rom. 12:9-10** ).
  - 3. Concerning the unrighteous?( **Eph. 5:11; 1 Cor. 5:9-11; 2 Thess. 3:14-15** ).

## **VI. OF LOVE.**

- A. GOD'S PROMISE OF ETERNAL LOVE OF HIS PEOPLE( **Jer. 31:1-6** ).
- B. THE LOVE OF HIS SACRIFICE( **John 3:16; 15:13; 1 John 3:1** ).
- C. HIS EXPECTATION OF US( **John 13:34-35; 1 John 3:16-18** ).
- D. THE EFFECT OF LOVE ON OUR LIVES( **1 Cor. 13:1-8** ).

## **CONCLUSION:**

- A. OUR VIEWPOINTS AND IDEAS OF RIGHT AND WRONG CHANGE WITH THE WIND.
- B. OUR NEEDS AND OUR BASIC NATURES ARE UNCHANGEABLE.
- C. GOD DOESN'T CHANGE EITHER( **Mal. 3:6** ).