

Eleutheros Newsletter

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News of Interest

Not too long ago a Spanish translation of *The Ramifications of Our Salvation* was completed.

That book is now in the hands of a fine missionary in Argentina.

It is his desire to print 1,000 copies of that book, but about \$1,800 are needed to complete the project.

Please ask the Lord what He would have you do to help in this important cause!

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The Immutability of Jesus

The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations ([Psalm 33:11](#)).

There is no doubt that we live in a world that is constantly changing..

Practically every area of our lives is being affected by changes in attitudes, moral standards, scientific and technological “advances,” and trends that last for a very short time.

For instance, consider the contracts people make with each other in the sports world. It seems that the athlete wants to insist on a more lucrative

agreement if he/she has just completed a successful season, even when a contract is already in force.

The contract itself is often of little consequence because the fans of the athlete's team vehemently express their displeasure at the fact that one of their favorite players is "so underpaid"! In other words, if the athlete complains loudly enough, and if the team's supporters insist on a new agreement, many times the past financial arrangement is totally forgotten.

The same thing can be said about the political world. How often a candidate or office holder says one thing to one group and later says something entirely different to another group!

How many times have countries made pacts with each other and later ignored what they had signed?

Moral standards are clearly in decline. In many cases what was once considered immoral or unmentionable is now commonplace and accepted.

The changes in technology and research are astounding!

Many times an inventor finds that by the time he publishes a book about his new creation or idea, it is totally out of date because someone else has thought of something less expensive, faster, or more to the liking of the public.

People find themselves changing their feelings toward religion and philosophy with relative ease, especially if they do not have a solid Biblical basis for what they practice and believe.

The Scriptures, however, give us an entirely different perspective!

We would not do well to belittle all of the advancements we have experienced in recent years. Who would want to type reports on a manual typewriter when computers are readily available?

Also, who would want to cross an ocean in an old sailboat instead of a modern plane or cruise ship?

And yet, in many ways, we must be especially careful not to become enamored by worldly thinking. After all, God has given us His *unchanging* Word! Further, He has revealed that a *double minded man is unstable in all his ways* ([James 1:8](#)).

To many, the whole idea of *one Gospel* for salvation and *one Bible* to teach us how to honor our Creator seems far too limiting.

This, of course, is humanistic thinking.

To those who believe in Jesus however, an understanding of His immutability is truly inspiring! He will never change His nature or try to change His mind after He has made a promise.

How reassuring it is to know that He will not one day decide that we must do something to maintain our salvation when He already cried out on the cross, “It is finished” ([John 19:30](#))!

Properly understood, “immutability” is the perfection of God by which He is devoid of all change in His essence, attributes, consciousness, will, and promises.

No change is possible in God, because all change must be to the better or worse, and God is absolutely perfect!

Below are some Scriptures which clearly teach the immutability of the Father and the Son:

For I am the Lord, I change not ([Malachi 3:6a](#)).

Of old hast Thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of Thy hands. They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed; But Thou art the same, and Thy years shall have no end ([Psalm 102:25-27](#)).

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever ([Hebrews 13:8](#)).

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with Whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning ([James 1:17](#)).

God's immutability is eternal!

How comforting it is to know that He will not love us one minute and abandon us later! How wonderful it is to realize that all His promises are true and will not be ignored! And how praiseworthy it is that we know His holiness and power will never vary or falter in any way!

May we praise Him often for His immutability!

Ponder the words of this great hymn:

Yesterday, Today, Forever

Albert B. Simpson

*O how sweet the glorious message
Simple faith may claim!
Yesterday, today, forever,
Jesus is the same!
Still He loves to save the sinful,
Heal the sick and lame,
Cheer the mourner, still the tempest,
Glory to His name!*

*He Who was the friend of sinners,
Seeks the lost ones now!
Sinner, come and at His footstool
Penitently bow.
He Who said, "I'll not condemn thee,
Go and sin no more,"
Speaks to thee that word of pardon
As in days of yore!*

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