

Yesterday Today Forever Week 1 Same God

Our Posture Towards Jesus

When we needed hope and joy - Jesus is our king, born in a stable, coming to be with us.

When we needed salvation, Jesus is the Son of God on the cross, taking our sins.

When we needed to overcome fear, even the fear of death, Jesus rises from the dead.

When we needed to have a heavenly hope, Jesus presents himself, returning to the Heavens.

When we need to have supernatural gifts to miraculously spread the gospel, we see Jesus sending the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 13:8 (TPT)

Jesus, the Anointed One, is always the same—yesterday, today, and forever.

Who Jesus was to us in the past, present and future.

FOREVER

In the book of Revelation, John outlines the posture we will need to take as we rush headlong toward His final return.

Revelation 1:1 TPT

This is the unveiling of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to share with his loving servants what must occur swiftly. He signified it by sending his angel to his loving servant John.

E.g. People of Israel in Egypt, The family of Noah, you and I in a dark world.

TODAY

Hebrews 13:8 (TPT)

Jesus, the Anointed One, is always the same—yesterday, today, and forever.

John 17:20 (TPT)

And I ask not only for these disciples but also for all those who will one day believe in me through their message.

YESTERDAY

Exodus 3:14 (TPT)

God replied to Moses, “ I Am Who I Am . Say this to the people of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.”

The immutability of Jesus Christ!

Hebrews 13:8 says, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.”

The Greek word for the “same” emphatically states that Jesus Christ is unchangeable!

The word “yesterday” is the Greek word **exthes**, and it depicts all time that ever was up until this present moment. It describes the past.

The word “today” is the Greek word , and it means today or at this very moment , or this current age. It depicts the present.

In the Bible, when the words “yesterday and today” are used in one phrase, it also portrays continuity. (Exodus 5:14 -slave foreman)

There is continuity in Jesus Christ! Therefore, if you discover Jesus of the past, you have also discovered Jesus of the present, and you have discovered Jesus of the future because He is continuously the same.

The word “forever” in Greek means into all the ages of the future. This phrase depicts all future times to come, including all ages that will ever be known. Hence, it describes the future.

Hebrews 13:8 carries this idea:

“Jesus Christ is exactly the same in the past, in the present, and in the future.”

God is unchanging, but we, as humans, do change. We grow in the good things and grow in the not-so-good things.

What really matters is knowing that even though we are changing, Jesus never has, nor will he ever change.

OUR JESUS

This is what gives His Word so much power in our lives when we orientate our lives in obedience to who He was and who He is. It is not as much about Him never changing, but that because of who He was and is, we can have assurance about the future.

We don't need a prophetic word to tell us that Jesus will care for us.
We don't need a vision of the future to know He is victorious.

Once a redeemer, always a redeemer.
Once a healer, always a healer.
Once a speaker of truth, always the truth.
Once the King of kings, always the King of kings.

THE STRENGTH OF BEING FEARLESS

To gain this assurance. To rid our ourselves of the fear of the future that seems to grip mankind, we have to know who he was. Who He was is what He said He was. The Word He spoke. We are obedient to who He was, what He said, and the Word He spoke.

We are obedient to what was shown and revealed to us - The Word (John 1) by worshipping in the present moment (Spirit and Truth). Obedience and worship rid us of the fear that captures our flesh imaginations.

To turn the past of Jesus into our future with Him, needs an in-the-moment decision. (Next week)

Who He was, makes us who we are in Him. Who we are in Him is eternal and at peace.

OUR ROBUST JESUS

Isaiah 61:3 (NKJV)

To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called **trees** of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."

Hebrew Word for Tree - **aiyl**

Root Hebrew word For Robust - strength

This Hebrew Word had three meanings:

Robust - strength - Latin for not able to be undermined

Ram (food, sacrifice, skin dyed red for establishing a tabernacle) - Latin strength of flavor, smell

Chief - strong leader - Latin overcomer, conqueror

Might -tree like that of an oak. - Latin endurance despite the difficulty.

Our strength comes from who He was, who he is and who he always will be.

Our strength, like that of a mighty oak tree, comes from our Chief, our King of Kings, who establishes our righteousness and declares us holy by sacrificially enduring the cross, overcoming our daily struggles, and conquering death by establishing a covenant, a tabernacle, a meeting place again for God and man so that we have confidence, eternity and supernatural power that can push back the darkness and display his glorious light.

Isaiah 61:1-4 (NKJV)

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord , And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord , that He may be glorified.” And they shall rebuild the old ruins, They shall raise up the former desolations, And they shall repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations.