

# Jesus Christ, the same, yesterday, today and forever.

*Hebrews 13:8*

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.

## Introduction

Hebrews again as we end our study before the end of the year. As we began with the greatness of our Savior so we end this series. Jesus Christ is central to all that the author had to say. Now he sums it up in a great quotation phrase – “Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, today, and forever.” - it is certainly a appellation of deity – Jesus was God incarnate.

We have seen at the outset there are about 12 names for Jesus Christ in chapter one, but in all of Hebrews there are 42 such names that give him divine attributes. I want to leave the book of Hebrews on that central note, which starts now and continues through the Christmas season. This is appropriate in two ways – One, it is appropriate to end Hebrews with such a sandwich of names of Jesus, Two, for the past 10 years I have been challenging you to take the name of Jesus with you. As I have often lead you in the Christ honoring Chrismon Tree out of which we challenge you to choose one of the 640 names of Christ and adopt it as His name to you throughout the next year. I encourage you to do this with the book of Hebrews or any one of the 640 names of Christ.

(ie) Show Jesus Christ, the same, yesterday, today, and forever in many languages. Use Christmas background. Whatever the nation, language, culture, or time period.

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**Philippians 2:9-11:** 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; 11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Philippians 3:10** That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

2 Corinthians 4:10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

**2 Corinthians 4:11** For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

(ie) Sameness, changelessness, immutability, eternity – (ie) face aging  
The world of change around us. Everything changes.

## 1. Is He the Same? Is this true?

Everything we know changes. Think about it. Everything on earth is degrading, devolving, eroding, wrinkling, and decomposing. Earth is dying. Our view of Jesus is much like our distorted view of a loved one. We think every day without them we are drifting farther and farther away from them, when in fact every day we are drifting closer and closer to seeing them again.

### Immutability of God

**He never changes.**  
**He never ages.**  
**He never weakens.**  
**He never fails.**

Heb 1:12  
Heb 6:17  
Malachi 3:6  
1 Samuel 15:29

"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever." Isaiah 40:8

## 2. How Is He the Same? How is this true?

Times change. Doesn't Jesus change too? Times are different. Didn't miracles die out with the apostles? Those miracles were for those times, not our times.

1. His Character Never Changes
2. His Power Never Changes
3. His Purposes Never Change
4. His Promises Never Change

People change, Presidents change,  
We change – age, preachers change.

## 3. What Does this Mean - for me Personally?

1. You Can Depend on Him – to hear you when you call
2. You Can Trust Him – with your impossible problems
3. You Can Believe Him – for all he promised – 100 promises

## How does this (or should this) impact my life?

- I have an anchor for my soul.
- I have a Savior who has lost none of his power.
- He has lost none of his willingness.
- He has lost none on his involvement.
- He has lost none of his listening and responding ear.

**THE TROUBLE IS NOT WITH HIM**, it's with me. I don't believe he can or wills to do what he promised. I doubt!

*"But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavers is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."*

**KJV James 1:6-8**

*"But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does. NIV James 1:6-8*

# Immutability of God

## **Hebrews 1:12**

10. He also says, "In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. 11. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. 12. You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end."

## **Hebrews 6:17**

17. Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath.

## **I Change Not**

**Malachi 3:6** For I *am* the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

## **He Is Not A Man To Change His Mind**

**1 Samuel 15:29** He who is the Glory of Israel does not lie or change his mind; for he is not a man, that he should change his mind."

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## **His compassions they fail not.**

**Lamentations 3:22** *It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.]*

## **His Mercy Endures Forever**

**1 Chronicles 16:34** O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

## **No shadow of turning**

**James 1:17** 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.

## **Anchor of the Soul sure and steadfast**

**Hebrews 6:19** Which *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

## **He Doesn't Get Old**

**Hebrews 1:10-12** 10. He also says, "In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. 11. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. 12. You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. **But you remain the same, and your years will never end.**"

## **The Word of the Lord Endures**

**Isaiah 40:8** The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

## **His Promises Fail Not**

**2 Peter 1:4** Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

## Conclusion

### How can I experience the changeless Lord Jesus Christ?

- The people that know their God shall be strong and do exploits. – **Daniel 11:32**
- Be still and know that I am God. – **Psalms 45:10**
- Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. – **James 4:8**

It is a relationship, not a theological doctrine.  
Your sins have separated you...

## His Precious Promises – 100

### Commentary on His Faithfulness

1. Jesus did many miracles, healings, and deliverances that were not written in the Bible – John 20:21, John 21:24
2. Jesus healed many people, but it is clear he did not heal all people...
3. Jesus did not do the same miracles, healings, and deliverances in every place. In Nazareth he could only do a few healings of sick folk. Why? Because of their unbelief. When the Son of Man comes again will he find faith on the earth.

**Matthew 13:58** And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

Jesus promises, “the works that I do you shall do also...”

**John 14:12** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

<b>THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH JESUS THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH HIS PROMISES</b>
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### His hand is not shortened

- Your sins separate you ... **Isaiah 59:2**
- Your idolatry separates you...

**Isaiah 59:2** But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Your lack of faith... “according to your faith be it unto you.” Only believe (Matthew 9:29)</li><li>• Your lack of knowing... “be still and know that I am God.” (Ps 46:10)</li><li>• Your lack of seeking... “you shall find me when you seek with all your heart” (Jer 29:12)</li></ul> |
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### Jeremiah 29:11-14

11. For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. **12. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. 14. I will be found by you," declares the LORD"**

**Daniel 11:32** And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

*“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever”.*

## **Jesus <2424> Christ <5547>**

2424 Ἰησοῦς *Iesous ee-ay-sooce'*

5547 Χριστός *Christos khris-tos'*

## **the same <846>**

**846** αὐτός *autos ow-tos'*

from the particle [perhaps akin to the base of 109 through the idea of a baffling wind, (backward)]; ;pron AV-him 1952, his 1084, their 318, he 253, her 242, they 121, same 80, himself 58,

- 1) himself, herself, themselves, itself
- 2) he, she, it
- 3) the same

## **yesterday <5504>**

**5504** χθες *chthes khthes*

of uncertain derivation; ;adv

AV-yesterday 3; 3

- 1) yesterday

## **and today <4594>**

**4594** σημερον *semeron say'-mer-on*

neuter (as adverb) of a presumed compound of the art. 3588 and 2250, on the (i.e. this) day (or night current or just passed); adv AV-this day 22, to day 18, this+3588 1; 41

- 1) this (very) day) THIS VERY DAY !
- 2) what has happened today

## **and for <1519> ever <165>.**

**1519** εἰς *eis ice*

a primary preposition; prep

AV-into 573, to 281, unto 207, for 140, in 138, on 58, toward 29, against 26,

- 1) into, unto, to, towards, for, among

**165** αἰων *aion ahee-ohn'*

from the same as 104; n m

AV-ever 71, world 38, never+3364 +1519 +3588 6, evermore 4, age 2, eternal 2,

- 1) for ever, an unbroken age, perpetuity of time, eternity
- 2) the worlds, universe
- 3) period of time, age

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Also, known as *Clarke's Scripture Promises. 140 Pages of Promises*

## Promises From Charles Stanley

[26](#) pages of Promises

## Promises to Pray

By Dick LaFountain

### PRAYER

Isaiah 65:24 ...before they call I will answer...  
Psalm 37:4 ...delight in the Lord, he gives desires of your heart...  
Psalm 37:5 ...commit your way to Lord, he will bring it to pass...  
Jeremiah 33:3 ...call on me and I will show you great and mighty things  
Jeremiah 32:17-18 ...you have made heaven...nothing is too hard for you...  
Matthew 18:19 ...if any 2 agree...touch...ask, it will be done...

### PEACE

Isaiah 26:3 ...keep you in perfect peace...  
Isaiah 32:17 ...work of righteousness will be peace...  
Jeremiah 29:11 ...the thoughts I think toward you are peace, not evil...  
Psalm 37:37 ...the end of the upright man is peace...

### PROTECTION

Psalm 91:3 ...he shall deliver from snare, pestilence, terror, arrow...  
Isaiah 54:17 ...no weapon formed against you will prosper...  
Isaiah 43:2 ...when pass through water it will not overflow you...  
Jeremiah 15:20 ...I will make you a steel wall, they will not prevail..  
Psalm 5:11-12 ...those who trust you, shout for joy, you defend them...

### SUPPLY

Psalm 34:10 ...lions do hunger...but you shall not lack any good thing...  
Psalm 37:25 ...I have not seen the righteous forsaken or begging...  
Philippians 4:19 ...my God shall supply all your need...  
II Corinthians 9:8 ...God is able to make all grace abound to you...

### SUCCESS

Joshua 1:8 ...then you shall make way prosperous, and have success  
Psalm 1:3 ...whatsoever he does it shall prosper...  
Romans 8:28 ...all things work together for good to him...

### STRENGTH

Isaiah 40:29 ...He gives power to the faint...  
Isaiah 40:31 ...they that wait on the Lord renew their strength...  
Isaiah 41:10 ...fear not for I am with you...I will help you  
Isaiah 41:13 ...the Lord will hold your right hand...  
II Corinthians 12:9 ...my grace is sufficient for you...

### DELIVERANCE

Psalm 34:17,19 ...the righteous cry and the Lord hears and delivers from trouble  
Psalm 34:7,8 ...angel encamps around those who fear Him...  
Isaiah 59:19 ...when enemy comes like flood...Lord will stand against him

### DIRECTION & LEADING

Proverbs 3:6 ...In all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths...  
Isaiah 30:21 ...you will hear a word behind you saying, 'this is the way, walk in it'  
Proverbs 16:3,9 ...commit your way to the Lord ...and your thoughts will be established...  
Psalm 37:23 ...good man's steps are ordered by the Lord  
Isaiah 58:11 ...the Lord will guide you continually...  
Psalm 32:8 ...I will instruct & teach you the way to go...

## **FEARS**

II Timothy 1:7 ...God gave not the spirit of fear, but of sound mind..  
Isaiah 41:10 ...fear not for I am with you, I will help you..  
Isaiah 41:13 ...fear not I will help you...  
Psalm 34:4 ...I sought...He delivered me from all my fears...

## **SOULS**

Psalm 2:8 ...ask of me and I will give heathen for your inheritance...  
Psalm 126:6 ...he who sows and weeps...shall bring sheaves with him...  
II Peter 3:9 ...Lord is not slack...not willing any should perish...

## **YOUR CHILDREN**

Isaiah 54:11-13 ...all your children will be taught of the Lord...  
Psalm 127:3 ...children are a heritage of the Lord...your reward...  
Isaiah 59:21 ...my words will not depart out of your seed's mouth...  
Isaiah 44:3 ...I will pur out my Spirit on your seed and offspring...  
Proverbs 22:6 ...train up a child...when old...he will not depart from it..

## **WISDOM**

Isaiah 50:4 ...Lord gives me tongue of the learned to know how to speak..  
Psalm 19:7 ...The law...is perfect...making wise the simple...  
Proverbs 1:7 ...Fear of the Lord is beginning of knowledge...  
James 1:5 ...lack wisdom? Ask of God that gives liberally to all men...

## **FORGIVENESS**

Psalm 86:5 ...thou Lord art good...ready to forgive...  
I John 1:9 ...If we confess our sins, He is faithful...to forgive...all..  
Isaiah 1:18 ...though your sins be as scarlet they shall be white as snow  
Isaiah 43:25 ...I am He that blots out transgressions...

## **ABILITY ABOVE IMPOSSIBILITY**

Jeremiah 32:17,27 ... Ah Lord God... there is nothing too hard for you...  
Philippians 1:6 ...he that began a good work in you will perform it 'til.  
Acts 20:32 ...the word of His grace... is able to build you up...  
Ephesians 3:20 ...able to exceedingly abundantly...by power in us...  
Jude 24 ...able to keep you...present you faultless...

## **HEALING**

Exodus 15:26 ...I am the Lord that healeth thee  
Psalm 103:3-4 ...who forgiveth all...healeth all thy diseases...  
James 5:15 ...the prayer of faith shall save the sick...  
Matthew 8:17 ...He took our infirmities and carried our diseases...

## **SLEEP**

Proverbs 3:24 ...you shall lie down and your sleep will be sweet...  
Psalm 4:8 ...I will...sleep for you make me dwell in safety..  
Psalm 127:2 ...for so he gives his beloved sleep...

## **WORD OF GOD**

Isaiah 55:11 ...shall not return void...shall accomplish and prosper...  
Jeremiah 23:29 ...Is not my word like a fire...like a hammer  
Acts 20:32 ...which is able to build you up and give you inheritance  
Hebrews 4:12 ...is quick, powerful, sharp, piercing, dividing, discerning..  
2 Timothy 2:9 ...word of God is not bound...  
2 Timothy 3:16 ...is profitable for doctrine, reproof, instruction...

## 42 Names and Titles of Jesus in Book of Hebrews

1. The Only Begotten Son - 1:2, 1:5, 5:5
2. Heir of All Things - 1:2
3. Maker of Worlds - 1:2
4. Brightness of God's Glory - 1:3
5. Exact Image of God's Person - 1:3
6. Upholder of All Things - 1:3
7. Purger of Sins - 1:3
8. Majestic Enthroned Savior - 1:3
9. The Most Excellent Name - 1:4
10. The One Worshiped by Angels - 1:6
11. The Eternal Changeless One - 1:12
12. Taster of Death for every man - 2:9
13. Captain of our Salvation - 2:10 \*
14. Victor over Death and Devil - 2:14
15. Destroyer of Death and Devil - 2:14
16. Deliverer from the fear of Death - 2:15
17. Merciful High Priest - 2:17
18. Faithful High Priest - 2:17
19. Sympathizing High Priest - 2:18, 4:15
  
20. High Priest of our Profession - 3:1
21. Son over his Own House - 3:6
22. Apostle of our Profession - 3:1
23. All-Seeing One - 4:13
24. Great High Priest - 4:14
25. Penetrator of Hearts - 4:12
26. The Word of God - 4:12 (Revelation 19:13)
27. Touched with Feelings of our Infirmities - 4:15
  
28. Forever High Priest - 5:6, 6:20, 7:17, 7:21, 10:12, 10:14
29. Author of Eternal Salvation - 5:9 \*
30. Forerunner - 6:20
31. Anchor of the Soul - 6:19 \*
32. Our Intercessor - 7:25
33. Minister of the Sanctuary - 8:2
34. Mediator - 8:6, 9:15, 12:24 \*
35. Intercessor - 8:25-26
  
36. Coming King - 10:37
37. Author of our Faith - 12:2 \*
38. Finisher of our Faith - 12:2 \*
39. Consuming Fire - 12:29
40. Our Helper - 13:6 \*
41. The Same, Yesterday, Today, and Forever - 13:8
42. Great Shepherd - 13:20 \*