

Times change, Truth Does Not

When we reflect on what God has taught us, the principle we must hold to is this: times change, but truth does not. We will be tested in these truths throughout our lives. Everywhere we turn, someone proposes a new way to do church or prioritizes relevance over faithfulness to the truth. We will all live through evolving trends, technology, and popular opinions that come and go. Society habitually tries to adjust moral standards to fit modern comfort, but God's absolute truth is not subject to cultural votes. Undeniably, times will change; God's truth and character remain steadfast and unchanging. Scripture affirms that God does not change, making Him our ultimate anchor in unstable times. **Malachi 3:6:** *"I the LORD do not change..."* and **Hebrews 13:8:** *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."* Man's universal sinfulness is obvious, verifiable, and permeates every aspect of our existence. It affects us individually and societally, is deeply rooted within us, and continually manifests itself. Throughout history, societies have consistently acknowledged man's natural sinfulness, yet we now see an increasingly antagonistic view of sin's very existence. Societies have challenged the biblical understanding of sin, saying it's a product of their environment, social upbringing, or psychological drives. Society is reluctant to hold anyone morally culpable for almost any behavior. Now, our society has shifted toward moral relativism, arguing that right and wrong, good and evil, aren't defined in absolute terms but are viewed subjectively. Individuals and societies claim the authority to determine what is wrong, not God. Of course, that's totally wrong. God's word is absolute truth and everlasting. **Hebrews 6:18:** *"... it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to hold firmly to the hope set before us."* Of the Bible's 66 books and 1,189 chapters, only two books and four chapters do not mention sin or sinners. **Genesis 1 & 2 and Revelation 21 & 22.** These unique chapters discuss creation before sin and the new heaven and the new Earth. **Psalms 119:89-90:** *"Forever, Lord, Your word stands in heaven. Your faithfulness continues throughout generations ..."* We fully understand that the authority of Scripture means every word in Scripture is God's word, so that to disbelieve or disobey Scripture is to disbelieve or disobey God. God is a Savior who has acted in saving grace to redeem us from sin and death. God, the Father, sent His love to us, undeserving sinners, and was determined to rescue us from the fall and the consequences of our disobedience. He appointed the Lord Jesus Christ, God the Son, to accomplish our redemption. The Father and the Son sent God the Holy Spirit to apply the saving benefits the Son has purchased for His children. **2 Samuel 7:28-29:** *"Now then, Lord God, You are God, and Your words are truth; and You have promised this good thing to Your servant. And now, may it please You to bless the house of Your servant, so that it may continue forever before You. For You, Lord God, have spoken; and with Your blessing may the house of Your servant be blessed forever."* Thank you, God, for Your vital truth and for granting us glory, peace, joy, and love.