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BIBLE TALK

Question: The world is rapidly changing, do we need a new religion to match the times?

Answer: There are some things essential to life that must never change. Religion is one of them.

Laws that govern nature must not change or we have chaos. The composition of water (H₂O) must remain constant. The laws of gravity are still in force and the laws of reproduction are adequate for procreation. The ability for a black cow to eat green grass and give white milk is safe in nature's hands.

The moral law that controls the conscience is still reliable and has been for centuries. "Honesty is the best policy" will never be inadequate. "*Love your neighbor as yourself*" has blessed humanity for centuries and is still good. "*Do unto others as you would have them do unto you*" has stopped many a fight!

Christ is unchanging in His ways. He is at the very heart of Christianity. The Bible teaches that "*Jesus is the same yesterday, and today, and forever*" (Heb. 13:8). He had just admonished his readers to "*Look unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith*" (12:2). The scriptures completely furnishes man's every need (2 Tim. 3:16). David agreed with Paul, though separated by almost ten centuries, that "*the law of the Lord is perfect...the statutes of the Lord are right...the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes*" (Ps. 19:7-8).

The gospel of Christ never changes. The facts of the gospel are to be believed: the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus (I Cor. 15:2). The Bible contains commands that must be observed to honor the wishes of God: the necessity of belief (Heb. 11:6), command to repent (Lk. 13:3-5; Acts 2:38), and necessity to be baptized (Mk. 16:16; I Pet. 3:21). The promises are consistent throughout generations and are still good today: gift of the Holy Spirit, remission of sins, hope of heaven (Acts 2:38; Rev. 2:10). A new gospel would condemn us; we need to live the one that we have (Gal. 1:8-9).

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