

Daily Devotional by Dr. Gloria P. Holmes

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"Gateway to God's Glory in the Midst of the Coronavirus Pandemic"

"DEALING WITH CHANGE"

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forevermore. Hebrews 13:8

Change is inevitable. Change can also be difficult. We are currently living in a time of unprecedented change. So many things are changing that we hardly know what to do. Our family interactions, our work environments, and many of our routine tasks have been turned upside down because of the coronavirus pandemic. I suspect that many of these changes will be permanent; that life as we have known it will have a major shift. But we who are Christians have the blessed assurance that Jesus will not change. He is the same yesterday, today, and forevermore. Revelation 1:8 states: **"I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."** Yes, my friends, we have the assurance that we can stand on a sure foundation during these turbulent times. Although we may be perplexed, God is not. We may feel somewhat uncomfortable as our comfort zones shake. However, we can really appreciate that we serve a God on whom we can depend on because He changes not. That is why we can remain optimistic and hopeful about life because the Holy Spirit consistently produces in us the same fruit of love, joy, peace, gentleness, kindness, meekness, goodness, longsuffering, and faith. (Galatians 5:22)

Change, of course, has its good and bad points. I once heard a senior lady, highly respected, remark that something's wrong when we haven't changed in fifteen or twenty years. Well, it is true that we should be undergoing transformation as God conforms us to the image of His Son. It is certainly true that we should be growing in Christ. So, as we reflect on all the changes that are occurring, let us continue to present our bodies living sacrifices, trusting in God who does not change to accomplish His long term and perfect plan for each of our lives. We must be more determined than ever to wait on God instead of getting in a hurry to go in essence, nowhere. We must constantly remind ourselves that God always knows the path we should take, and He always leads us in paths of righteousness for His Namesake. While we may want to second guess God's directions, we must resist the temptation and continue to follow Christ because He will surely get us to our right destination. Always remember the wisdom of Proverbs 14:12: **"There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end, it leads to death."** However, in John 14:6, Jesus states: **"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."** Hitherto, up to this point, the Lord has helped us. (1 Samuel 7:12)

Margaret

Dear Lord, we know that
You are God all by Yourself.
We know that from
everlasting to everlasting,
You are God. There was no
God before You and there
will be no God after You.
We also know that Jesus is
the way, the truth, and the
life. So, Holy Spirit, work on
us and change us the way
You see fit. We love You
and trust You! Amen.

How will you respond to today's message?
