

And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days. **1Kings 3:14**

Store In My Heart Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Many today seem to think Jesus will judge them differently than those who were alive during the first century. They claim that since society has changed and the attitudes of so many are not what they were in past years, Jesus does not expect us to hold strictly to the Words He delivered 2000 years ago. They are assessing Jesus by human standards rather than keeping in mind that His Ways are not our ways.

They are mistaken and it will cost them eternity. First, society today is not substantially different than it was in the days of the Apostles. Second, as this verse declares, Jesus does not change with the times. He and His Word are the same today as when the Jews of Pentecost heard them. God does not change. We must change to meet God.



What Have I Done For Him?

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Jesus gave His life to pay the price for our sins. We sometimes sing a song with the words “I gave my life for thee” and I hope each of us understand that song is from the perspective of Christ, not our self. Do you remember the question that song asks of each of us? “What hast thou done for me?” That should be a sobering thought in each of our minds as we consider our life.

Since Jesus has already paid the price for my sins, what can I offer Him in exchange? How can I ever repay God for such a sacrifice? Paul told the Roman brethren they should give their body “*as a living sacrifice.*” (**Romans 12:1-2**) What does that look like?

Maybe it looks like Paul, who was willing to die for the Lord’s cause. (**Acts 21:13**) Maybe it looks like Timothy, who left his strong, faithful family behind to follow Paul into almost certain persecution as he spread the Gospel. Maybe it is like Stephen, who was stoned for telling his leaders that Jesus was the fulfillment of God's Promise. (**Acts 7:52-60**)

For most of us it is probably something a little less drastic. It is walking “*as children of light*” (**Ephesians 5:8**) even as we are surrounded by the darkness of those who refuse to acknowledge God. (**Philippians 2:15**) It is not doing things that others might think are cool or fun because we are no longer interested in the things of this world. (**1Peter 4:4**) It is skipping the ball game, awards dinner, club meeting, forgoing the promotion, etc. because it would interfere with worship or teaching the lost. (**Matthew 6:33**) It is using our resources wisely so that we can help the needy and support the Lord’s work. (**2Corinthians 8:1-5**)

For every one of us it includes being thankful for what God has given me to use while here on Earth. (**Ephesians 5:20**) This includes having a thankful heart even though our budget might be a little tight. The thankfulness of a Christian is present even when things go wrong. Thankfulness is not just because we have extra. It must be a constant attitude of our character. We often see those in the world giving thanks to God when they achieve something or win "the big game." Thankfulness in the life of the Christian is not dependent upon winning. It comes from what God has already given, His Son for my sins. Even in loss we can be thankful for what God has given.

That "*living sacrifice*" will be different in many ways for each of us, but it is also very similar. It is willingly giving up self and my own desires so that I might devote my resources and very life to serving the God who provided my salvation. As the KJV finishes that statement, it is "*your reasonable service.*" We will have only done what we ought to have done. (**Luke 17:10**) There will be no 'deluxe package' to heaven because we did a little more than others. Heaven is only for those who willingly give their ALL to the Lord.

Being a "*living sacrifice*" is giving my all to the Lord, because He gave His all for me. No one can claim that they were told getting to Heaven would be easy. The Word plainly declares that those who seek to be with God will suffer. (**2Timothy 3:12**) The question I must ask myself is seen in our title. I need to decide what I am willing to do for God. If it does not include giving my life in His service, I will not make it to Heaven. (**Revelation 2:10**) My devotion to God and His Will must be complete and will direct every aspect of my life here on Earth.

What Will You Give For Him?

(Following God's desires in my daily life seems a very small burden to bear compared to all that He has done for me here on Earth and what He has prepared for eternity. DLH)

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10:20 AM • Sunday Worship Service
5:00 PM • Sunday Night Bible Study
7:00 PM • Wednesday Bible Study

For Our Information

Gloria Hurst is slowly but steadily improving.

Vickie McNeas was in a vehicle accident Saturday. She is ok but may be sore for a while.

Paula Laubach has some nerve irritation in her face and arms.

Brenda Keisler is having hip and lower back trouble in addition to her neck pain.

Deana Leshner continues to improve.

The **Gray** Family is in Rogers, AR this weekend.

The **Rigsby's** are in Texas for a friend's funeral.

Sunday Evening – **Nehemiah 4:15** Wednesday - **John 4:27**