

The Immutable One!

July 1, 2018 - Malachi 3:1-6

How has our world _____? World geography, median household income and computer technology --- just to name a few!

The _____ of change is truly mind-boggling!

Good News!!! Our God _____ changes!

Key points of Malachi 3:1-6

- Malachi prophesied God sending our _____. (v.1)
- This is a warning of God's coming _____. (v.5)
- Malachi also wrote about _____. (v.3,4)
- Reason God didn't destroy Israel: "I do not _____."

Compare Malachi 3 to 1 Samuel 15

- Saul obeyed God's command, but not _____.
- Again, God "does not lie or change His _____".
- God's immutability meant _____ for Saul's sin but also salvation for those who repent of sin!

New Testament references that God never changes

- Hebrews 13:8 – "Jesus Christ is the _____ yesterday and today and forever."
- Jesus is God and never changes = incentive for _____
- James 1:17 – Our Heavenly Father "does not _____ like shifting shadows".

KEY to Peter's message at Pentecost – Acts 2:24

- "it was _____ for death to keep it hold on Him"
- Why? Death = decay/change of state – He does not _____

So what? How does God's immutability apply to us?

1. Because He never changes – His _____ never changes
*we need to **BE** in His timeless, powerful, unchanging Word
2. Our unchanging God gives us _____ and confidence.
3. God never changes means His _____ is guaranteed.
4. Immutability means that we have an unchanging _____ for life. Don't conform or lose heart!
5. Because He never changes is _____ to let Him live His life through me (by His Holy Spirit) --- so that we can live pure, holy lives. (1 John 3:2-3)