

**WE PREACH CHRIST  
THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW  
Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.**

Bible Reading

Hebrews 13:5 [Let your] conversation [be] without covetousness; [and be] content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Hebrews 13:6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord [is] my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Hebrews 13:7 Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of [their] conversation.

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

In my personal devotions I am reading through the gospels. As I read about our Lord's ministry on Earth I can't help but marvel how when he came to Earth, people just could not understand who he was. I marvel at the hardness of the hearts of the Pharisees and how they tried to kill him and get rid of him. I marvel at his works and miracles and power. I marvel at how he was misunderstood and people could not just accept what he said, even after he proved who he was by performing miracle after miracle. I marvel how the Pharisees were so petty about him healing on the Sabbath and could not look through their bias and stupidity.

Then I wonder how off we must be today. My Bible says, evil men and sinful men will get worse not better. I fear we do not worship the true Jesus, but most people have made a Jesus out of the fabrication of their own minds. They set up the golden calf in their minds and call it Jesus.

As I read the gospels I think to myself and say, what would I have done in those days, how would I have reacted. It is easy for us to say, OH I WOULD NOT HAVE DONE WHAT THEY DID.. You know Peter said, "Lord I will die for you," but when the soldiers came.. he ran and denied our Lord three times. Jesus is trying to mold us and form us today and so often people buck him today just like they did back then.

Now consider, the Bible says the hearts of men will grow worse not better. I submit to you, that today men would react the same way, yet the Lord is still in the business of changing hearts. He is working today just like he did back then. He is the same Lord and people are the same.

This morning I want to focus in on this Bible verse..

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**Intro:** So as we approach what we call Easter, the time when Jesus was crucified and arose from the dead. It would be good for us to meditate on our Lord and Savior Jesus .. WHO IS THE SAME YESTERDAY TODAY AND FOREVER..

Jesus is this same person we read about in Scripture..

It in the midst of our busy lives.. it would be good for us to meditate on this truth

THAT Hebrews 13:8 **Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.**  
This morning I want to focus in on the person of Christ..

When we think of Easter or Resurrection Sunday.. and we think of Christ, we think of Christ coming to earth and being born in that manger many years ago, living a perfect life, and going to the cross to pay for our sins and the sins of this whole world..

OUR TEXT IS

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Jesus Christ is the same.. Yesterday.. Today And Forever..

This description cannot be true of any created being, only God himself and Christ Himself..

NONE OF US ARE THE SAME.. Yesterday.. Today.. and Forever...  
What does it mean Jesus Christ Is the Same Yesterday

## **I. HE TAUGHT HIS PRE-EXISTANCE AND ETERNALITY:**

Jesus Declared His Preexistence Many Times:

### **1. When he is declared as the same yesterday Christ is declared to be eternal**

Reading through the Scripture it amazes me how the Pharisees understood what our Lord said and rejected it.. When they said to him who do you make yourself to be.. He told them clearly but they did not want to accept that. He taught of his pre-existence. They proudly declared themselves to be children of Abraham. Jesus said they were children of their father the devil. They didn't like that. He said,

John 8:56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw [it], and was glad.

John 8:57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?

John 8:58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

John 8:59 Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

Jesus clearly declared his existence before Abraham. BEFORE ABRAHAM WAS.. I AM.. He is saying he is eternal.. he was pre-existent.

Jesus did not say before Abraham was I was... He said.. I AM .. When Moses asked God his name when he meet him he said go tell Israel I Am that I AM! Self existing one.

HE IS THE SAME.. YESTERDAY.. HE IS ETERNAL..

Jesus said.. before Abraham was I AM... he was in existence before Abraham he then was co-equal and co-eternal with God the Father..

John 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

Jesus declared he was in existence before the world was created. In fact John 1:1-4 he made all things.

In this verse either Jesus was crazy.. or he was saying he co-existed with God the Father in eternity.

He was the same Yesterday .. eternity past.. In Daniel 7:13-14 Daniel refers to the Messiah as the ancient of days. Jesus was the same Yesterday.. he was the ancient of days.. the eternal one the everlasting one.

Application: This makes Christ so different than any other religious leader and founder..

Muhammad ... claimed to be God's greatest prophet.. Yet he was not the same Yesterday.. Today and Forever..

Christ ..... Claimed to be God's only begotten son...

NOTE: There is a difference between his son-ship and ours.. even the Jews understood this. Jesus was not claiming her to be a child of God like we are. We had a beginning.. we were born into this world. Jesus entered into this world but was in existence before he entered this world.

## **2. When it says he is the same Yesterday Christ is declared to have the attributes of God.**

John 10:25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

John 10:26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

John 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any [man] pluck them out of my hand.

John 10:29 My Father, which gave [them] me, is greater than all; and no [man] is able to pluck [them] out of my Father's hand.

John 10:30 I and [my] Father are one.

John 10:31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

John 10:32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

John 10:33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

Notice they understood what he was saying, but rejected it as Blasphemy. They took up stones to stone him!

Jesus claimed co-existence with the Father...

I have a son.. now he is full grown and in some areas he can work as hard as me and do the same things I do.. in some things he even exceeds me.. Very few I might say... but some areas..

He is a better hunter than me.. Uncle Peter.. taught him... I will not be taught of an infidel..

He probably could out run me now.. That's because he wears a size 11 shoe.. I wear a 9 1/2

Our physical sons take on our attributes and sometimes even exceed us..

When we say we are the sons of God we can never claim to be equal to God..

But when Jesus said he was the son of God he claimed equality.. Sharing the very attributes of God. He was not claiming to be a son of God like us who are children of Adam and Adam was made by God. He was claiming to have the nature of God able to work and do things only God could do.

All Knowledge..

All Power

Omnipresence

Omniscience

Omnipotence

John 5:20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

John 5:21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth [them]; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

John 5:22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

John 5:23 That all [men] should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

**3. *In that he is declared to be the same Yesterday... he is declared to be the creator of all things..***

Colossians 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether [they be] thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Colossians 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Colossians 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all [things] he might have the preeminence.

Jesus was was there when God said.. LET US MAKE MAN IN OUR IMAGE...

WHAT A WONDERFUL TRUTH

THE CREATOR CAME DOWN TO EARTH ... TO REDEEM HIS CREATION...

Someday the son of God will have a greater throne.. than the Father..

Jesus is a perfect illustration of Son-ship...

Jesus came and was completely submissive to the will of his heavenly Father..

John 5:30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

Note the illustration:

Jesus came to Earth to do his Father's will and business. When Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem when he turned 12, when his earthly mother found him note what he said to them when they voiced their concern for him.

Luke 2:49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

He said.. Everything he did he did in submission to his heavenly father...

Christ was perfect in every way... he did all that the father told him to do..

He was submissive in all things...

Jesus was submissive even unto death..

Those who have had a good relationship with their earthly fathers often show themselves to be blessed in this life..

A young man who will submit to the teaching of his earthly Father will be blessed on Earth...

Ephesians 6:2 Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;

Ephesians 6:3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

It is nothing to see a son exceed his Father when he learns submission..

David's son Solomon's kingdom went on to be greater than David's

Jesus, the Bible teaches, will be given all judgment.. God is going to delegate everything to him...

## ***II. JESUS IS DECLARED TO BE THE SAME TODAY***

Jesus as God's son will someday rule over all of God's creation...

He will rule with a Rod of Iron..

Note: By way of application.. he already has the deed and has been declared to have all power and authority... Everyone else in leadership and authority are but squatters.

Right now we have a lot of trespassers on God's Real Estate.. someday he is going to chase all the vultures away... until then it is our job to serve the eviction notice..

For a short time I had a rental property and the people were not paying the rent. I had to serve an eviction notice, but the people delayed getting out. So I had to take them to a magistrate and then get a court order. Of course before they left they trashed the house.

So right now the devil is just making havoc of this planet.. he knows he has a short time and he is destroying everyone and anything he can.

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Matthew 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, [even] unto the end of the world. Amen.

God is the one with all power and authority..

The world doesn't believe it, yet it is true.. and it is our job to preach and teach the truth till he comes.

It does not matter what people believe, it is a fact. He has all power. He is coming back. He will rule and reign. Just because the present occupants are making havoc does not negate who he is.

All power is given to him in Heaven and on earth...

THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS THE SAME TODAY... TODAY HE HAS ALL POWER!

IF WE DENY HIS POWER YESTERDAY WE WILL DENY AND DOUBT HIS POWER TODAY...

SO OFTEN WE THINK WHAT HE DID YESTERDAY HE CANNOT DO TODAY!

God is still is the power business.. he is still creating,,,,

II Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

God is creating New Life in people all around the world...

When a person receives the Gospel they are born again and God imparts to them new life...

**This new life comes directly from God by the power of God..**

Every time someone gets saved.. it is a miracle of God!

No way to explain Peter Accardi..  
No way to explain Frank Bissol  
No way to explain some of you....

One of the things that God used in my life to bring me to himself was the fact that I could see Jesus in the present in lives of people. How does a dead person affect peoples lives today. He is not dead he is risen, and he is working today the same way he did yesterday. He is converting people like Paul the apostle today like he did 2 thousand years ago. HE IS THE SAME TODAY!

Ephesians 2:1 And you [hath he quickened], who were dead in trespasses and sins;  
Ephesians 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Ephesians 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

This same powerful God is the same today.... as Yesterday..

The greatest miracle is the miracle he is doing in the heart of people who receive him...

You can believe Jesus was a powerful teacher and prophet 2000 years ago, but do you believe he is the same powerful person today? He is the same today!

So often people say, yes that was back then, but he has gone away and he is not working today. Well I tell you he is the same today his spirit is still working. He still wants to change lives.

He does it as we preach and teach his word.

HE IS THE SAME TODAY.  
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### ***III. HE IS THE SAME TOMMORROW...***

Christ is coming again.. and he is going to manifest his power on Earth as it is in heaven..

Same tomorrow... He is not going to say..  
Oops made a mistake,,  
Oops don't know what to do...  
Oops... etc....

When people fret about tomorrow, it is because they don't think God is powerful enough to do what he said he can do.

He had all power to create.  
He has all power to save..  
He will have all power to come again...

So often we fret about tomorrow.. We look into the future and it looks bleak. There does not seem to be any solutions. We worry about the future. We only need to worry about one thing and that is that we are trusting in the Lord, we are living for the Lord, we are doing what he told us to do.

Through the years we have faced many obstacles in this ministry. Some things seem insurmountable. Many men would have left this Church... the only reason I didn't was because I believe in Christ that he is same today and he is the same tomorrow.

The Jesus who made water into wine is the same today.. he can ..  
The Jesus who healed people is the same today .. He could if he wanted to..  
The Jesus who calmed the storm.. is the same today. He has not run out of gas

He can help today..



He can help tomorrow..  
HE HAS THE SAME POWER, HE IS THE SAME SAVIOUR..

Just like he helped in the past..

YESTERDAY  
TODAY  
AND TOMMOROW..

What problems do you foresee in the future? Jesus will be with you today and tomorrow.. trust him .. believe in him .. lean on him ... serve him .. obey him.. Honor him..

I recall in this ministry insurmountable problems we faced in the past..  
Jesus was faithful then and he can be faithful tomorrow..

Building problems.. ceiling plaster cracking..  
God showed Himself powerful..  
The weakest part of the ministry became the most beautiful testimony.

Same Yesterday today and tomorrow...

Application:

As we look into tomorrow.. we get worried..  
Things may look gloomy,,,, prospects may look dim...

John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

John 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also.

John 14:4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

John 14:5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14:7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

John 14:8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

John 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou [then], Shew us the Father?

John 14:10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

John 14:11 Believe me that I [am] in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater [works] than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

John 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

John 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do [it].

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

I BELIEVE IN THE A CHRIST WHO IS THE SAME

YESTERDAY

TODAY

AND TOMMORROW...

I can trust him for the future, he has power in intervene..

In fact every now and then he brings a trauma and tragedy and challenging circumstances into our lives to make us need him and challenge our faith.

When these traumas come it will look like there is no escape or no solution to our dilemma..

IT IS THEN THAT WE CALL ON HIM AND SHOWS HE HAS THE SAME POWER TODAY AS YESTERDAY.. AND HE SHOWS HIS POWRER IS SUFFECIENT FOR TOMORROW!

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So we need to believe and trust in Him..