

# **Eternally The Same**

**7-27-25**

Hebrews 13:8 (ESV)

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

**Christ is eternal who has eternally existed. The NIV identifies Jesus so clearly in Revelation 13:8, “The Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.” HE has always been the same and will always be the same. To all our Mormon friends, Jesus has eternally existed and was not created. Christ can never be added to or superseded. Jesus continues HIS work today by interceding for us as HE sits at the right hand of God which is clearly stated in Chapter 7:25. The whole purpose of the Bible is present the unfolding revelation of Jesus and the unfolding revelation of the redemption of man. This is the greatest truth of all eternity; our only passion.**

Galatians 1:8-9 (NIV) NO/OH

<sup>8</sup>But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God’s curse! <sup>9</sup>As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God’s curse!

**The apostles didn't have any tolerance for any human or heavenly beings who proclaimed a different gospel than Jesus Christ and HIM crucified. The Bible rejects anything that adds or subtracts from this Biblical truth. Paul says to anyone who preaches a false gospel, "Let them be under God's curse!" With God, there is not any your truth and my truth. There is one truth: God's truth. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**

**Therefore:**

Hebrews 13:9 (ESV)

Do not be led away by "diverse" and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them.

**The word "diverse" means many colored. We are warned against being carried away by enticing many-colored strange teachings. People will offer many alluring ways to approach God. We are warned no to run after their shining objects. We are strengthened by Grace and Grace alone. We are not bound by physical restrictions such as "ceremonial foods".**

**Let no one be disqualified by what they eat.  
The OT physical examples served primarily to  
give us a picture to help us understand the  
spiritual realities. Please note the NT revelation.**

Colossians 2:16–17 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. <sup>17</sup> These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

**Revelation: The physical pictures are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. We need to keep this in mind when we read the OT and even some portions of the NT. Jesus HIMSELF attempted to focus our attention on the spiritual realities. Therefore, HE said that what we eat doesn't make us holy!**

Mark 7:19 (NIV)

For food doesn't go into your heart but into your stomach, and then out of the body. (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)

**Paul clearly confirmed what Jesus said.**

1 Corinthians 8:8 (ESV)

Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do.

**The Grace of God, the Holy Spirit, not food, not the physical, is the source of our life with Christ.**

Romans 14:17 (ESV)

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

**It is all about Jesus. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Strict religious requirements are evidence of false teaching and the absence of any spiritual strength.**

**The truth, our salvation, our power come from Jesus only and HE is the same yesterday and today and forever. We trust the eternal Jesus.**

Revelation 13:8 (NIV)

The Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.