

# Yesterday, Today, and Forever

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## I Change Not

CF. Malachi 3:6 with Hebrews 13:8

*Malachi 3:6 KJV*

6) *For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.*

*Hebrews 13:8 KJV*

8) *Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.*

*Isaiah 28:7-10 KJV*

7) *But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and*

*the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.*

8) *For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean.*

9) *Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.*

10) *For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:*

*All bible study **must** begin with the concepts found in 1John 4:8,16 and 1Corinthians 13. If we believe God is love we will be better equipped to interpret what we read.*

There are scriptures about Christ that seemingly contradict Hebrews 13:8:

*Hebrews 5:8-9 KJV*

8) *Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;*

9) *And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;*

It is evident Christ changed. When He became perfect, or complete, *that day* became His “yesterday” as stated in Hebrews 13:8. As of the time of His completion, Christ has not changed.

Therefore, Malachi 3:6 is speaking of God the Father, and now, in Christ, *dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily (Colossians 2:9)*. The fullness of divinity is the knowledge and understanding of love.

## Christ Consumes

Because God is love, He does not keep a record of an individual's sin. Therefore, there is no retribution, from God, for sin. The punishment, that seemingly comes from God, is actually the natural result of the sins we have committed. What happens to us we bring on ourselves. Again, the Father states in *Malachi 3:6*: *For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.*

But, the word *consume* is applied to Christ in the New Testament:

*2 Thessalonians 2:8 KJV*

8) *And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy (q2673-render inactive) with the brightness of his coming:*

The wicked one, spoken of in this verse, is the man of sin, or the Papacy. The Papacy claims to be *Vicarius Filii Dei*, the substitute for the Son of God. When Christ returns there will no more be a need for a substitute, and the Popes role will be rendered inactive.

But, what does it mean for Christ to consume him with the spirit of his mouth? That is done with words. When Christ literally comes He will render the Pope inactive, when Christ comes to the heart He will consume the false teachings of Catholicism out of the individual. If He is not allowed to change our beliefs then we are only serving a religion, following man.

## Following the Lamb

The last generation church will follow the Lamb whithersoever He goes. (Revelation 14:14) This will be true because they are made in His image. Just as the fullness of divinity dwells in Christ, the fullness will also dwell in the 144,000.

*Ephesians 3:14-19 KJV*

14) *For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,*

15) *Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,*

16) *That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;*

17) *That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,*

18) *May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;*

19) *And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, **that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.***

Revelation chapter 10 describes the time the fullness is reached by this group of believers. When they enter into the experience described in chapter 11 they will suffer the worst rejection the world can offer. By practicing what they preach, their faith will be perfected.

Notice how the persecution is described:

*Revelation 11:7-8 KJV*

*7) And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.*

*8) And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, **which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.***

The very mindset that killed Christ will also reject the truth of God's love, from those who possess the fullness of divinity, at the end of the world.