

Change vs Stability

Things around and within us are ever changing more rapidly and we have gotten used to it. Apparent stability is what we try to arrange for ourselves i.e. long-term debt, trying to postpone aging, temporarily resisting evolving technology, buying insurance, etc. But none of that stops change.

Faith in Christ ...is no pipe dream! True stability can actually be found in Him. Millions have found it along with inner peace, as they admit they have no control over change and decay. Change may be resisted and slowed down, but never stopped. Proverbs 3:5-6 *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths"*. Read what follows! It could well lead you to enjoy what Faith in Christ delivers:

Step 1: Admit to God that you are not in control of anything but He is; that the best you can manage is a day at a time, and even that, not very well. Admit that, beyond what our eyes can see, the future is an impenetrable curtain. We can make plans and soon find out how shaky they are.

Step 2: Sincerely ask God to kindly show you how and where you can find something secure to hold onto forever. For many centuries He has held it out as a firm and generous offer, but the tangle of life seems to get in the way of hearing his message.

Step 3: Once that request is in. God will soon bring His Instruction Manual, the Holy Bible, to your notice. In it is a revelation about the "issues of life". It is comprehensive, and maybe at first glance, somewhat forbidding, but well worth a look. Throughout, it is dedicated to presenting us a God of Love and Patience. Here are some hints about where to search:

- Romans 3:23 *"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God"*. This categorically declares that no one has ever been capable of living, on their own strength, in accordance with God's demand for perfection. Yet, no other status could survive in His divine presence.
- John's Gospel 3:16 *"God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life"* which sets out the premise that there had to be a substitute that would die because of sin, so that you might escape everlasting judgment.
- Isaiah 53:6 *"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord (God) hath laid on Him (Jesus) the iniquity of us all"*. The writings of the prophet Isaiah, 800 years before Christ, accurately predicted His coming, His death and its purpose.
- 1 Timothy 2:5 *"For there is one mediator between God and man, the Man Christ Jesus"*. God only offers one route to reconciliation with Him; through believing on His Son and the work completed at Calvary's cross – full atonement for Sin and sins.
- 1 Peter 1:18-19 *"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things such as silver or gold, ... but with the precious blood of Christ"*. His blood shed at the cross was clear evidence of death, both to God and to us. Accept today the fact that it is only Christ's blood that can erase forever the record of all your sins and iniquities.
- 2 Corinthians 9:15 *Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift*. Once you have made the transaction, entirely on God's terms, don't forget to give abundant thanks and praise back to Him.

A life-changing event. These six verses lead to a one-time event, forever changing you from only seeing the changing world around, and starting to appreciate the stability and permanence of the new life God implants in you. And that is the kind of life that will last forever. Jesus said, in John 10:28: *"I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish, neither can any man pluck them out of my hand"*. Stability to the Max!

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