

A Never-Changing God in an Ever-Changing World

The Permanency of God's Faithfulness in a fickle, capricious, and transient world

PART THREE

Introduction

Nothing in the physical creation has fixed permanency.

Psalms 102:25-27

The Immutability of God – biblical certainties that never change and never fail.

“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed” Malachi 3:6

The unchanging nature of our God becomes the very foundation of our ever-changing lives.

Spiritual growth is God's intention for those He came to save. It's not random. It has specific intention.

The importance of understanding the *Indicative/Imperative Paradigm*.

Philippians 2:12-13

“*work out*” Gk *katargazomai*; imperative; ‘to bring about’; “to carry out a task until it is finished.”

Those who continue to view these separately risk living their Christian lives largely in one of two camps:

1. Those who camp on the *indicatives* (certainties) – stunted spiritual growth, or *license*.

Because God loves us, we love our *brothers*, our *neighbors*, and even our *enemies*.

Matthew 5:43-48

Note the indicatives that are meant to stimulate God-like love in us – even toward our *enemies*.

Proverbs 25:21-22

Why? Because then you are acting like your father in heaven while prompting your enemy to repent.

We forgive our enemies because that is what God does. We love our enemies because that is what God does:

Romans 5:8, 10

Ephesians 4:32-5:2

“My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.” Psalm 119:136

Jeremiah 13:15-17

We love in a way that the unregenerate, Christ-rejecting God-deniers can't.