

“CHANGE” IS NOT A DIRTY WORD

I recently read that “A new product is developed every two seconds. We currently possess 2% of the information which will exist in the year 2020. A person entering the work force today can expect to change careers (not just employers) seven times.” I worked in a print shop in Chicago when I was in college doing a job which no longer exists. No more hand setting of type etc. Everything is done by computer – like what I am doing right now in writing this article. Our world is changing more rapidly than at any point in human history.

However, there are those who still resist change of any kind. The British Parliament outlawed the right of the elite gentry in England to hunt foxes with dogs. 300,000 people marched in London in protest. The populace wanted no change in the centuries long practice of this ancient tradition. Even in historic old England, times change. We either initiate good change or complain about bad changes that are taking place all around us. Life is spelled C-H-A-N-G-E.

Churches may need to change the way they minister in order to meet people where they are with what they need – i.e. the Gospel. The Amish and Mennonites are two groups of religious people that have distinguished themselves by refusing to change. The future of such movements is limited.

Are you worried about changes in your life today? Changes at work, in your family, with your health, in the church? Here's good news: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). God says, "I the Lord do not change" (Malachi 3:6). These are comforting promises.

While God doesn't change, He expects us to change! Else, why would He insist that we “*Repent and be converted, (that means change!) that your sins may be blotted out*” ? (Acts 3:19) Let's not outfox ourselves by resisting good change. Change is not a dirty word if the changes are the right changes for the right reasons: to do God's work in a better way in order to bring Him more glory!

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