

# **“It Is Time for a Change”**

**Heb. 7:12-25**

## **Introduction:**

- A. Hebrews told, “It is time for a change.”
  - 1. A needed changed - Law and Priesthood.
  - 2. A planned change (cf. Heb. 8:8)
- B. We hear, “It is time for a change.”
  - 1. From politicians, moralists, and preachers.
  - 2. From the restless and zealots.
- C. We react to, “It is time for a change”
  - 1. By outright acceptance - change for the sake of change.
  - 2. By outright rejection - Status quo for sake of status quo.
  - 3. By mixed reaction - Change and status quo needed (cf. vv. 12, 24)
- D. There are unnecessary and necessary changes.

## **Discussion:**

### **I. Things That Cannot Be Changed - Perfect Things**

- A. The character of the Godhead. (Heb. 6:17,18; 13:8; 7:24, 25)
- B. The truth of the Gospel.
  - 1. Changed truth becomes a lie (Rom. 1:25; Gal. 1:6-10)
  - 2. Added truth is impossible today (John 16:13; Col. 2:6-10; 2 John 9; Jude 3)
- C. The plan of God for us - without consequences
  - 1. His plan of salvation (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16)
  - 2. His plan of worship (John 4:24; Matt. 15:9).
  - 3. His plan of work (Matt. 7:21-23)
  - 4. His plan for the church.
    - a. Organization
    - b. Mission
  - 5. His plan for marriage (Matt. 19:6)

### **II. Things That Can be Changed - Imperfect Things**

- A. Man can and must be changed (cf. Rom. 3:10, 21)
  - 1. The unsaved must change his faith, status, purpose and practice.
  - 2. The saved must change (cf. 2 Cor. 3:18; 2 Pet. 3:18; 1 Jno. 1:7-9).
- B. Matters of judgment can be changed.
  - 1. Act of baptism cannot be changed - place can be.
  - 2. Acts of worship cannot be changed - order can be.
  - 3. Day for Lord's Supper cannot be changed - hour can be.
  - 4. Elements of Lord's Supper cannot be changed - utensils can be.
  - 5. Even these changes considers other factors - expediency etc.

## **Conclusion:**

- A. Is it time for a change - maybe, maybe not, it depends on what and why.
- B. Are you ready for the last change? (Cf. 1 Cor. 15:50-58)