01/22/24 Message

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Message: Not Always

Series: Same God

Welcome to FCC! This is our new series for the new year that will hopefully inspire a new you! A new year can't and won't change our lives, but God can! We allow ungodly influences to change who we are. Yet, He is there, arms open wide, with more love to give than we deserve. Regardless of what we do, He is the same God! He is the same God who loves us so much, He created us! He is the same God who loves us so much, He offers us salvation! He is the same God and He wants a new me!

Review from Last Week's Message

1 Corinthians 12:6 (NLT)

God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

What work will God do in us?

Philippians 2:13 (NLT)

For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Hebrews 13:8 (NLT)

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Acts 2:36 (KJV)

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

I love that phrase... Peter says we're talking about... That same Jesus! He's done it before; he'll do it again! He's the same yesterday, today, and forever! His ways may change, but He is always the same! We need to change! Same God - new me... new you! God wants more of you!

-Pastor Chad

Same God... Not Always

Often other religions often say we worship the "same God" but often, it's not true. If a religion or a denomination doesn't believe in the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons (God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), then we do not believe in and worship the same God.

Who is our God?

Genesis 1:1 (NLT)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

• Our God created the universe

Genesis 1:26 (NLT)

Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like ourselves..."

• Let us... our image... to be like ourselves... (Holy Trinity)

John 1:1-5 (NLT)

1 In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He existed in the beginning with God.

3 God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him.

4 The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.

5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

God existed before the creation of the universe as the Holy Trinity.

- Jesus is God
- Jesus gives life
- Jesus brings light

(His life brings light, and His light brings life)

Jesus gives us the four things required for life:

- Light
- John 8:12; Malachi 4:2
- Air
- John 3:8; John 20:22; Job 33:4
- Water
- John 4:10-14; John 7:37-39
- Food
- John 6:35

John 14:6 (NLT)

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

When Jesus said what He did in John 14:6, He meant it! He is the only God who can give life and sustain life; He is the only God who give you the gift of heaven and eternal life; He is the only God who can pressure wash your soul and give you forgiveness! Not all gods believed in and worshipped are the same, but our God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. His ways may change, but He is the same!

—Pastor Chad

Why Do People Look for Other Gods

John 10:25-30 (NLT)

25 Jesus replied, "I have already told you, and you don't believe me. The proof is the work I do in my Father's name.

26 But you don't believe me because you are not my sheep.

27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me,

29 for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand.30 The Father and I are one."

Jesus tells us He is the same God -

Why are do people seek and live for other gods in their life?