

“Change: Part One”

Rev. 22:19; Deut. 4:2; 12:32

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Introduction

- I. Change is generally considered both a good thing and an inevitable thing.
- II. Not all change is good, nor should it be considered as a matter of fact.
- III. God has ordained that some things should not be changed.

Discussion

- I. Both the Old Testament and New Testament warn of the dangers of changing what God has decreed (Deut. 4:2; 12:32; Rev. 22:19).
- II. Israel of old understood that there were standards that were not to be changed (Prov. 22:28).
 - A. Unfortunately, many have changed God's instructions on numerous occasions.
 - i. Jeroboam changed aspects of worship (1 Kings 12:25-30).
 - ii. Nadab and Abihu altered God's decree (Lev. 10:1-2).
 - iii. The Jews no longer wanted God's faithful Word (Jer. 5:30-31; 6:13-17).
 - B. When man changes God's statutes, it is never approved or an improvement.
- III. We must learn and advocate that God still expects man not to change what is ordered (Heb. 13:8-9; Eph. 4:14-15; Col. 2:4,8; 1 Tim. 4:1-3).
 - A. God has told us what is acceptable under the New Testament (2 Pet. 1:3).
 - B. Only that which is authorized by Jesus (or in others words, authorized in the Law of Christ/the New Testament) is allowed (Col. 3:17).

Conclusion

- I. Change is not always good!
- II. We must continue to teach that God's ways are still the best ways (Isa. 55:8-9; 2 Tim. 4:1-5).
- III. The upcoming parts of this series will address some specific changes that have been implemented in some places, and the fact that sin is the outcome.