

1 Thessalonians 5:24 *Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.*

I. Introduction

A. Changes

1. So many changes in this world
2. Nations can change overnight
3. Generations are born, grow up, then die
4. Society & culture change from one generation to another
5. People move from one place to another

B. God above

1. Father above is God

Psalm 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

2. God does not change

Psalm 102:27 But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

Hebrews 1:12 And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be hanged: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

3. Jesus Christ does not change

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

4. God's mercies are forever

Psalm 103:17 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

II. God Is Faithful

A. In His creation

1. God created this physical universe

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2. Seasons & natural cycles continue regularly

Genesis 8:22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

3. Jesus created all things

Colossians 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

4. Jesus holds all things together – the “glue” that holds physical universe together

Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

B. In His covenants

1. God will never forget Israel

Jeremiah 33:25-26 ²⁵ Thus saith the LORD; If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; ²⁶ Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed [to be] rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.

Malachi 3:6 For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

2. God promised His covenant with Abraham

a. Abraham’s children

Galatians 3:7-8 ⁷ Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. ⁸ And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying In thee shall all nations be blessed.

b. Abraham’s blessing

Galatians 3:14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

c. God’s oath

Hebrews 6:13-14 ¹³ For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself, ¹⁴ Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

3. His covenants with His church

a. Christ loves His church

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

b. His glorious church

Ephesians 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

c. Angels promised Jesus will return

Acts 1:11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

d. Jesus will come again

John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

4. God's promises are His covenants

C. In His care

1. God does not fail

Lamentations 3:22 It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

2. Christian is as bright as God's promises

1 John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

3. Christian strength in Jesus

a. Christian can give all their cares (worries) to Jesus

1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

b. God promises to be with us

Isaiah 41:10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

c. God gives us spirit of power, love, & sound mind

2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

4. Lord is on the side of the Christian

a. God is my Helper

Psalms 54:4 Behold, God is mine helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

b. I will not be afraid

Hebrews 13:6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

III. God Is Calling

A. Lost to salvation

1. God's heart desire that all men to be saved

1 Timothy 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

2. God waits a long time for all to come to repentance

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

B. Christian saved to service

1. All Christians called to serve each other

Galatians 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

2. Jesus gives rest to the weary & heavy burdened

Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

3. Christians to share God's comfort with others

2 Corinthians 1:3-4³ Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; ⁴ Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

IV. God Will Finish

A. God's work

1. God created Christians to good works

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

2. Work out your own salvation

Philippians 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

3. God's Spirit calling to Christians

4. By God's Spirit, but not my human strength or power

Zechariah 4:6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

B. God will work through Christians

1. God will make each Christian holy & preserve them

1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. God will finish His work inside each Christian

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

C. God builds His church

1. Jesus started His church with the apostles

Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

2. God is in the building business
3. God has proven Himself so many times
4. Christian works looking straight ahead

Luke 9:62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

5. No one can separate Christian from God's love

Romans 8:35, 37³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ...³⁷ Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

V. Conclusion

- A. God has not yet finished His work
- B. God will do His work
- C. God is not finished with me yet