

Ponderings from Pastor Paul – November 2019

Have you noticed the change? How could you not notice? The daylight is decreasing. The temperature is dropping. The leaves are falling. The advertisements are reflecting Halloween, Thanksgiving, and in some cases already... Christmas. There are national and global events that can make us feel like we're living on the edge.

And by the way, where have all the people gone? The vacationers are almost nowhere to be found. There are a few stragglers who are still pulling out their docks and closing up their cottages, but the streets seem relatively deserted. In addition to all this, the exodus of the snowbirds is in full swing and will certainly ramp up in the weeks ahead. You can almost feel the flap of their wings as they rush away. They try hard, but they cannot keep a smile from glimmering through their feigned sadness as they say, "We'll see you in the spring."

There is significant change going on in the world around us. Seasons change. Faces change. The world changes. Yes, things change. At a time when the only constant seems to be change, we must remember that God never changes. His guarantee of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ never changes. His love for you never changes. His work in your life never changes. We can count on this because God never changes.

There is one other change I hope you remember. Lives change. We were created with change as part of who we are. We were created to grow physically, intellectually, and spiritually. We were created to have God at work in our lives. We were created to grow in our faith and our understanding and our appreciation of who God is. We were not created to be stagnant in life or our faith life.

Both positive and negative change in our lives can be powerful, especially in the safety of an unchanging God. We can move forward confidently because God provides stability in all things. He promises to catch us when we fall and rejoice with us when we soar. God provides an atmosphere of security in the midst of all change. That is called grace. I pray that in the turmoil of life, we can all rejoice in his unchanging grace.

God loves you and so do I!

Pastor Paul