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CHANGES

Changes have been quite the thing for the past two years for many of us. There have been drastic changes in work and in living in general. A plague brought many people to face death that was unexpected. Many lost jobs and many have been isolated from family. There have been many “sudden” changes.

We personally have lost several friends to this Covid19 plague. One week they were okay and then the next week they were gone. Death does not always give you a calendar to know when it is coming, but we must be prepared for it, because it will happen to each of us some day.

How do we handle changes? How do we know when a change presented to us is from God? There is only one answer, and that is peace. Peace comes from the Lord. He is our peace in every situation, whether it be good or bad. He brings peace and we receive it by faith.

In I Corinthians 10:13 it says in the amplified version of the bible, ***“No temptation [regardless of its source] has overtaken you that is not common to human experience [nor is any temptation unusual or beyond human resistance] but God is faithful [to His word – He is compassionate and trustworthy], and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability [to resist] but along with the temptation He [has in the past and is now and] will [always] provide the way out as well, so that you will be able to endure it [without yielding, and will overcome temptation with joy].”*** The word temptation means also to try us. God knows exactly what we can handle and when it comes too difficult, He gives us a way out of it.

The trials we go through bring change to our lives for the better. We must remember what Jesus said in John 12:24, ***“Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat (seed) fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.”*** The dying process or change is never comfortable, but a seed must die to bring forth fruit. Without the dying process there could not be any fruit.

God isn't looking for gifts in our lives. He is looking for fruit. He is looking for fruit that will remain, and that fruit will bring rewards to us at the Bema seat of Christ. The things we go through are not pleasant sometimes, but the end result can bring much more fruit than we could ever expect. Change, testing, temptations, all bring the desired results that God knows will make us the best we can be. Don't yield to depression or anger when these things happen. Trust that God has a plan. After all, He is a know it all.