

Some Things Never Change

Acts 1:1-11

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Introduction:

- **Acts 1:1-11**
 - Weather cycles change – 1970's Global Cooling
 - *Local 12 News Clip* – Anniversary of Ohio freezing over
 - Many things change:
 - Science changes
 - Children change
 - Politicians change
 - Ohio Valley Weather changes daily – almost
 - The human body changes - *our children become parents ... parents become grandparents ... and grandparents become memories.*
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1. Some Things Never Change:

- a. While many things change quickly, some things do not:
 - 1. The Love of God for you will never change – **John 3:16 ... Romans 5:8**
 - 1. We are to model God's love in our life – **1st Corinthians 13:4-8**
 - 2. God's love is personal when you are saved in Christ – **1st John 3:1**
 - 2. His Power over all things will never change:
 - 1. Creation – **Genesis 1:3**
 - 2. His provisions for all people – **Matthew 5:45**
 - 3. His power over the seasons – **Genesis 8:22**
 - 4. **Hebrews 13:8**
 - 5. When the world tries to make you feel defeated – **Matthew 28:20 ... Ephesians 6:10-11 ... 1st Corinthians 16:13 ... James 1:12**
 - 3. What does not change without the help of the Holy Spirit in our life – our thinking.

2. Some Things Need to Change:

- a. **Acts 1:6-8**
- b. We have been in the last days since the ascension of Jesus.
- c. Many are more concerned about what is coming than we are about what our current mission is.
- d. So, what is our mission? ... *"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth."*

- e. **Matthew 28:18-20**
- f. **John 14:1-3**
- g. Considering both texts, the mission is broken into three steps:
 - 1. Take the gospel to the world.
 - 2. Get people into the Family of God.
 - 3. Teach them how to live out the teachings of Jesus.
- h. Do not be so consumed with the end that you miss the current mission.
- i. There are some things that need to change to accomplish our mission:
 - 1. Understand who you are – **Matthew 5:14-16**
 - 2. Understand the importance of the mission – **John 14:5-6**
 - 3. Understand who Jesus is – **John 1:1-5**

3. **Some Things Must Change:**

- a. **Acts 1:9-11**
- b. If you believe the Gospel with all your heart – what are you doing with the information?
- c. **Philippians 4:8**
- d. Daniel DeFoe – 1701 poem – *The True Born Englishman*
- e. The idle mind will be busy with the world and not the things of God.