

ANNO DOMINI 2015  
Hebrews 13:8  
Banská Bystrica, 1. January 2015

Ἰησοῦς Χριστὸς ἐχθὲς καὶ σήμερον ὁ αὐτὸς καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. | **Heb 13:8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

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**0. INTRODUCTION: A.D. OR C.E.?**

- *anno domini* – the change of the number only?
- the verse is between verses that speak of good and bad leaders
- attitudes to time: positive ↔ negative to (1) the past, (2) the present, (3) the future
  - nostalgia ↔ contempt; idolatry, cares

**1. JESUS' TIMES AND OURS**

- primarily *not* about his divine attribute of *immutability*... (the name “Jesus” is his *human* name)
  - yesterday he died for us (are you giving thanks?)
  - today he prays for us (do you count on it?)
  - tomorrow he will come for us (are you saying “Come, Lord Jesus”?)
- our change: **Hosea 6:4** What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love (מִחֶסֶד) is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away.
  - we forget Jesus – his life, death and resurrection
  - we forget our leaders - their
  - we forget our own experiences, decisions and promises...

**2. TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
In the light of His glory and grace.<sup>1</sup>

**2.1. IF YOU HAVE GREAT EXPECTATIONS IN 2015**

- Think of Jesus’ life, suffering and warning **John 16:33** in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

**2.2. IF YOU ARE AFRAID WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN 2015**

- Think of Jesus’ promise **Mt 28:20** And behold, **I am with you** always, to the end of the age.

**3. TO REMEMBER**

- The Lord died for you yesterday, prays for you today, will take you to himself tomorrow.
- **Ps 31:15** **My times are** in your hand...
- Do not be swayed by leaders – look at Jesus...**Heb 12:1-2** let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith

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<sup>1</sup> Helen H. Lemmel, 1922