

ANNO DOMINI 2015
Hebrews 13:8
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Ἰησοῦς Χριστὸς ἐχθὲς καὶ σήμερον ὁ αὐτὸς καὶ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας. | **Heb 13:8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

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.¹

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, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith

¹ Helen H. Lemmel, 1922