



“I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever; with my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.” Psalm 89:1

Awesome! Most excellent! Spectacular! Groovy! Hip! Snazzy! Who knows what the current buzz words are? Once you start to use them and you begin to feel proud you can “communicate” with the young people and the current culture, they look at you like you are old... and you are! “That word went out months ago,” they quickly inform you! And so it goes!

The confession of the believer is neither a forced or contrived manner of speech but rather a joyous and voluntary testament to God’s unfailing kindness. For the Christian to tell forth God’s kindness – the mercy we acknowledged and received at the moment of our salvation – is as automatic as his natural inclination to breathe. Mockery and persecution may attempt to divert us from those joyous occasions of personal witness, but the spirit remains more than willing despite the experiences of the soul or body, for it is within our new nature and thus our desire to personally identify with our Lord Jesus and with His Father.

Here then is the challenge... much is said today of our need to be relevant to our generation. And of course we understand that each generation may hold its own specific tastes in music and fashion even developing their own currently “in” vocabulary. But we must also understand that our relationship with Jesus Christ spans every generation and every age precisely because He spans every generation and every age! He is the Alpha and the Omega – He was, and is, and will be relevant to any age group or generation throughout time.

We may find ourselves in need of couching our witness in words and/or media that are more pertinent to the generation(s) we are endeavoring to reach – but, we dare not change the Message! It is not the Message that needs changing, but rather the methods of our presentation of that Message that is in need of a regular “refreshing.” Fresh new ways of communicating – much like the need for a missionary to learn a foreign language – help us maintain a practical relevance to those in need of Jesus’ love. Never forget then that it is our methods of communicating the Gospel that may grow old and tiresome, but the Lords’ faithfulness speaks to every generation and so must we! Now, that’s...Sweet!

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