

MercEmail A Weekly Devotional by Steve Higginbotham

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“The times, they are a changin’” or so said Bob Dylan in 1963, and I think he was right. The times indeed are changing. Yesterday a teenage boy delivered a sermon at a “Future Preachers Training Camp” hosted by the Karns Church of Christ, and when he asked those in the assembly to read a verse further down in the chapter, he said, “Scroll down to verse...” “Scroll Down?” Not “go down,” “move down,” “look down,” but scroll down. It’s obvious this young man is the product of a computer generation.

Not too long ago, I saw a man who did the Sunday morning Scripture reading. The thing that struck me about his reading was that instead of taking a Bible to the pulpit from which to read, he took his smart phone and read the text from it. “The times, they are a changin’.”

My point is simply this. We have an unchanging message, but we must stay fresh and relevant regarding ways to communicate that message. Let’s understand the changing times in which we live and fully utilize its resources. Let’s not ignore or deny the changes taking place to the point we become irrelevant, rather, let’s brainstorm, dream, imagine, and embrace ways that will help us convey the unchanging message of God’s love to a changing world.

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