

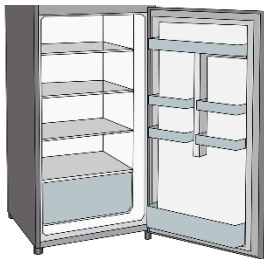
People in my generation have seen massive changes take place in many areas. When I was a girl we were in a house with no gas, electricity or water mains. Wash day was



the dolly pegs and mangle. When I went to school I was given a slate and a piece of chalk – not a pencil and paper. Postage for a letter was the equivalent of 1/2 p. Transport for many of us was a bicycle. What do we have now? Many young people today have never even heard of dolly pegs! Our grandchildren have to do their

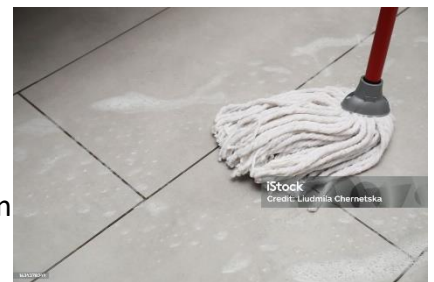


homework on an ipad and email it to the teacher. A second class stamp is 85p. The moon was something that shone in the sky at night but is now a place to be visited. How about putting it on your 'wish list'?



Progress. We expect changes to bring progress – A moving forward or improvement; however, I want to have a moan about something that seems to have regressed rather than progressed. This week I have had to defrost my freezer. Simple enough, just switch it off. **BUT** what happened to the water as the freezer defrosted? Again a

simple answer – It ran out of the freezer and formed a large puddle on the kitchen floor. My old freezer had a little duct at the bottom and I



could place a shallow dish under it to catch the water, but my current freezer does not have that facility. Each time I mopped up the water I got more and more annoyed. I asked myself, "Is this supposed to be progress?" "Should a newer model not be an improvement?" "Did the designer of the freezer never try to defrost the thing?"



My thoughts turned to Jesus. Is there progress as far as He is concerned? No certainly not because He is already perfect and cannot be improved upon. He stays constant and never regresses. I am reminded of that verse in Hebrews 13:8 that says, 'Jesus Christ the same, yesterday and today and forever.' He does not need a designer to re-create Him. There is no part of Him

that does not work properly. He does not go out of date or become more expensive to contact.

Does the love of Jesus change? No, His love is the same as His nature and never changes. He has amazing love for every one of us. His love includes those who are not interested in Him and those who speak against Him as well as those who try to follow Him on a regular basis. He does not love some of the things that we do or the way that we behave but His love for us as individuals remains constant and does not need upgrading.

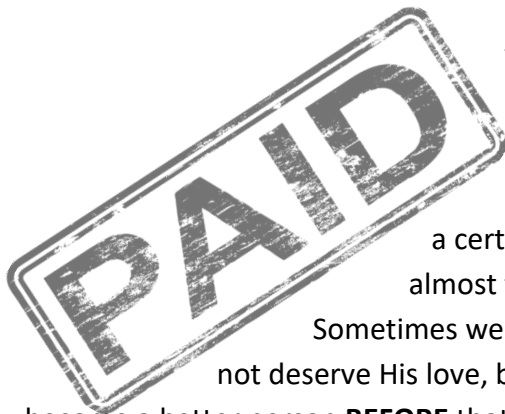
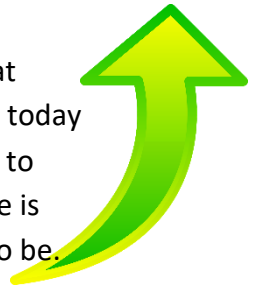


Jesus never changes



Jesus came to the earth for the sole purpose of providing us with a way of being reconciled to a holy God. He left the glory of Heaven for around 34 years – because He loves us. He went through a horrible death in order for us to be forgiven for our wrong thoughts and actions – because He loves us. We each have a choice of having access to Heaven for eternity – because He loves us.

Please notice that the present tense is used. Jesus did not die on the cross and that was the end of Him. He came alive again and went back to Heaven. He is still alive today and we can commune with Him. He is able to make such a tremendous difference to each of our lives. We are not able to see Him visibly or touch Him physically but He is able to see us, touch our lives and change us into the people whom He wants us to be.



The conditions for us being able to become Christians do not change. There is no charge since Jesus has already paid the price. We do not have to go through any particular ritual, learn anything off by heart, go to any special building or have reached a certain age. By His love Jesus made everything so easy that it is almost too good to be true!

Sometimes we can think that we are not good enough for Him or that we do not deserve His love, but Jesus is quite able to cope with that! We do not have to become a better person **BEFORE** that decision is made as Jesus will help us with that when we are following Him. None of us are good enough for Him to be interested in us, yet that makes His unconditional love even more unbelievable!

Progress. Many things change and become an improvement. (Except my freezer!) If you do not know Jesus as your Saviour then ask Him into your life and you will discover His wonderful, unchangeable love. Progress – Yes. Improvement – Yes. A deeper happiness – Yes. More contented – Yes. Jesus always there to listen to you – Yes. Promise of eternal life in Heaven – **DEFINITELY YES.**

Romans 3: 23. 'All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.'

Acts 10: 13. 'Everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His Name.'

John 3: 16. '....Whoever believes in Jesus will not perish but have eternal life.'