

*"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." Hebrews 13:8no2 KJV*

The North Star is a fixed point in the constantly moving heavens. Other stars and heavenly bodies move in fixed orbits, around it in stark contrast. Mariners have depended on the North Star's steady light for millennia. It is a trusted guidepost in the night sky. Never moving or waning, it remains an inflexible beacon by which one's exact position can be reckoned. It may at times be obscured by clouds or fog, but when they clear, it still shines brightly in its appointed place amid millions of other stars. Storms may blow on the earth, but the Star is far above it all and remains



unaffected by the winds of planetary weather patterns. Ships may indeed sink and run aground, but it never budes. It remains constant and sure, no matter the circumstances. Jesus is the eternal unchanging God. God's Word is a constant beacon in the constantly shifting darkness that surrounds and threatens men. Those that set their course by its Light will be sure to find safe harbour. They can safely navigate the shoals of sin and remain in the deep channel of God's Grace and Love. The "charts" of Truth are worthless without the Guiding compass of the Blessed Holy Spirit pointing true, and God's Word beaming brightly above the night of evil that surrounds us. We can navigate securely by that Light through any storms of discouragement or fog of doubt that may engulf us and we know we can wait patiently for that Light to reappear in exactly the same place when tempests are past. We know that it always shines above the tempest even though it may be temporarily obscured. The Spirit of God, our compass in these conditions, keeps us on course. He points to the Truth by whispering Truth to our thoughts and musings. We must constantly check and adjust our course by the unchanging Light of our God's Word. Storms may blow us off course, but we need only be willing to steer back on course aided by our compass, the Holy Spirit and our beacon, the unchanging Truth of God's Word. You can know your exact position by knowing the point of reference by which to steer. By keeping one eye on the Compass and one eye on Truth's beacon, you will know when you've drifted off-course and can correct your course by the God's Word, the "Star of Heaven."

A steady Light in darkest night,  
The Truth remains a beacon bright,  
'Twill guide us safe in Grace and Love,  
Until we reach our Home above. ~CGP

Jesus is our constant unchanging beacon of Truth in the sea of life. Do not fear the threatening waves. Trust your compass and the unmovable Guiding Star. If you are off course the Star and Compass will bring you safely back on course. Yield the helm to the Spirit of Truth. The dawn is soon upon us and our journey's end is near. Soon we will hear the lookout shout, "Land Ho!"

*"We have also a more sure Word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the Day dawn, and the Day Star arise in your hearts:" 2 Peter 1:19 KJV*