

Hebrews 13:1-25

In the beginning...What truth did the Holy Spirit stir in you through the sermon Sunday?

Memory Verse: *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8 NIV).*

Let’s dig into the Bible for Truth:

Hebrews 13:1 – 6 Instructions for life:

1. Why should we be kind to strangers? _____
2. Is moral purity important? _____
3. What has God promised that becomes the basis of our contentment? _____

Hebrews 13:7, 8 When we follow other people of faith what is the standard to ensure it’s the right path? _____

Hebrews 13:9 – 14 “And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people _____ through his own _____. Let us, then, go to _____.”

Hebrews 13:15, 16 What are two sacrifices God is pleased to accept?

1. _____
2. _____

Hebrews 13:17 – 19

1. Why should we submit to church leadership? _____

2. What responsibilities do Christian leaders have? _____

Hebrews 13:20 – 25

1. Who is the Great Shepherd? _____
2. What two things has he equipped us to do?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
3. “ _____ be with you all”

“But be DOERS of the Word and not hearers only...” James 1:22

What Now? Application time:

1. How will the New Covenant of reconciliation change the way we relate with our family and with strangers?
2. Since we only follow leaders who declare, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever” how will this change HOW WE lead others?
3. How can we apply the New Testament “sacrifice of praise” to daily living? In what specific areas do we need to offer praise?
4. In what areas do we need to work on our submission to authority and what changes will we make to honor God’s representatives?

Summary: the New Covenant is one that works righteousness from the inside out. But the author of Hebrews reminds us of important outward responses: kindness to others, godly marriages, sexual purity, and contentment with God’s provision. He gives us wisdom to discern whose faith to follow and what is the end result of their faith: “Jesus Christ is the SAME yesterday and today and forever”. Confidence can be placed in Christ-centered leaders who insist on this SAME JESUS and it is to our benefit for us to follow their lead so they can serve with joy. We offer under this New Covenant new sacrifices. Not sacrifices for our sins but in response to his grace. We offer the sacrifice of praise and we are generous givers to those in need. The writer summarizes the whole book of Hebrews with these words, *“Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen”* (Hebrews 13:20, 21 NIV).