

Sermon Notes

Set Yourself Apart Completely to Christ & Worship Him

Hebrews 13:10-16

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

13:10-12 **Jesus Christ is the final sin offering, for forgiveness.**

Don't trust anything other than Christ and His sacrificial death to forgive your sins and make you right with God.

Jesus' blood makes people holy - sets people apart to God.

13:13 **Let us go out to Jesus, bearing His disgrace, if necessary.**

If you commit yourself to Jesus and following His true ways, people could distance themselves from you, or make you suffer other disgraces.

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How do you think you might need to respond to what you've heard?

13:14 **Earth isn't our lasting home, heaven is.**

When life is tough here on earth, take solace, even joy, in the fact that we have far better awaiting us in heaven, and it's forever.

13:15-16 **Because of Christ, we have new ways to worship God.**

Praise God out of gratitude for what we have in Christ, as worship.

Praise Him together with God's people.

Praise Him in singing, even if you don't like the song.

Do good works as worship.

Fellowship - getting together to share - as worship.

Is there a change you want to make, to worship God more/better?

Related reading: On conflict with family b/c of Christ, read Matthew 10:33-39; On singing together to God, read Ephesians 5:19-20; On salvation not being by good works, but good works still having a place in Christians' lives, read Ephesians 2:8-10

Application questions for 5/14/2017 sermon

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There are a lot of questions this week. If any of the first seven questions, regarding verses 10-13, aren't really striking anyone in your group, move quickly through them. Make sure to leave plenty of time for the questions based on verses 15-16.

(Based on 13:10-13)

Are you trusting anything other than Christ and His sacrificial death to help make you right with God? For example, do you believe your goodness contributes to your salvation, or are you mixing in any other religious beliefs and practices into your Christianity in case something besides Christ might make you right with God? What is it that you are doing or believing? Don't answer what you think others want to hear; be honest.

If you haven't already shared it, what is your counsel to others based on what they shared in the previous question?

What would it look like for you to come completely to trusting and following Christ? Meaning, you would no longer follow any beliefs or practices other than those you have learned from biblical teaching - not following old religious practices from your past, not following cultural practices, etc.

Are you ready to make that move you just discussed? What help or support do you need?

Who might verbally attack you, talk bad about you to others, or distance themselves from you if you make such a move toward totally trusting and following Christ?

How can we deal with being treated those ways? What perspective do we need to hold onto?

Who may you have to move away from keeping company with, because you need to be away from their influence while you try to make the necessary changes in your life of following Christ?

(Based on 13:15-16)

What motivates you to worship God with your actions? How motivating is that for you to make big or uncomfortable changes that God asks you to make?

(Make sure to make it to this question, and try to have most everyone answer.)

What do you think might be lacking from you giving praise to God? For examples: your desire to do it is lacking, your appreciation for what Christ has done for you is lacking, your willingness to do it with the church is lacking, you're too dependent on the music being to your tastes. What changes do you plan to make?

(Make sure to make it to this question, and try to have most everyone answer.)

What do you think might be lacking from your "fellowship"? For example: you are not putting yourself in environments and relationships to share deeply with other Christians, you are not really sharing deeply with other Christians what is going on with you personally, you are not regularly having significant spiritual conversation with other Christians, you are not willing to share material goods when a brother is in need. What changes do you plan to make?

What do you think might be lacking from you being willing to live your life the way God wants you to (doing good)? What changes do you plan to make?

This isn't a question, but just some (reminder) perspective. These changes may be a little scary, intimidating, or out of your comfort zone. Or you may think that you don't have time for all of this. But:

- 1) The passage refer to these things as "sacrifices". It is right for them to cost us something.
- 2) These things will worship God, and He will be pleased. It's worth doing some hard stuff to worship our God, who loves us, and Who, in Christ, forgives our sins and gives us heaven. But it's up to you to choose if you want to worship Him these ways.

Do you have a question for the group? It might be something you don't understand that others could help with, or something you think should be covered that hasn't.