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**Community of Christ**  
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## Using This Study

### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

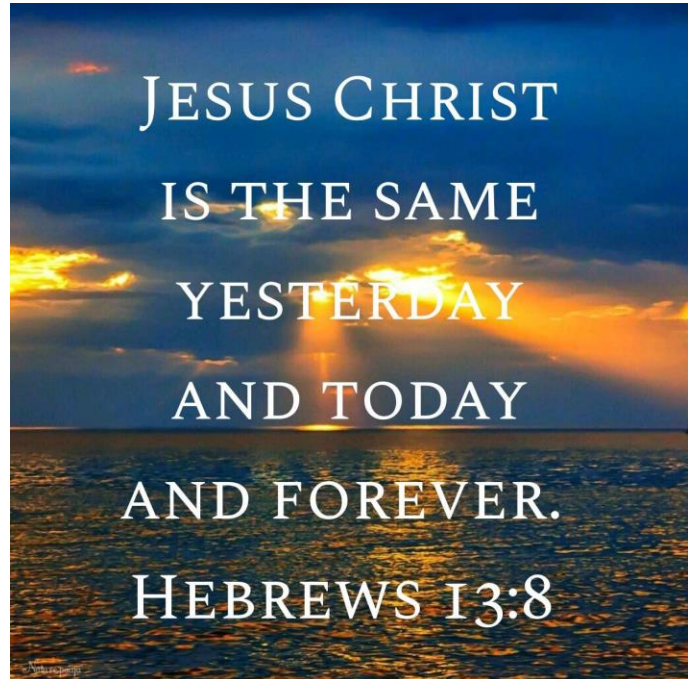
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



Chapter 13 is the final chapter of Hebrews and will conclude our Hebrews series. There are a number of final thoughts that the author puts into the last chapter. In some ways it is a few unrelated things that the author feels are important enough to include but he had not found the avenue to cover them yet, so he includes them here. These things include loving strangers, remembering the persecuted, protecting your marriage, and making sure that you are perusing God and not money. All of these things have to do with our character. If we believe that Jesus is our Savior and High Priest then we should respond to the world in these ways. It is our testimony about Jesus. Join us this week as we look at how important it is to seek Jesus and recognize that this world is not our final resting place, we are only here for a short time.



## The Changeless Christ

**13** Let love of the brethren continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them, *and* those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body. <sup>4</sup> Marriage *is to be held* in honor among all, and the *marriage* bed *is to be* undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge. <sup>5</sup> *Make sure that* your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU," <sup>6</sup> so that we confidently say,

"THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID.  
WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?"

<sup>7</sup> Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>9</sup> Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings; for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, through which those who were so occupied were not benefited. <sup>10</sup> We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. <sup>11</sup> For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest *as an offering* for sin, are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup> Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate. <sup>13</sup> So, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach. <sup>14</sup> For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking *the city* which is to come.

## God-pleasing Sacrifices

<sup>15</sup> Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. <sup>16</sup> And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

<sup>17</sup> Obey your leaders and submit *to them*, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

<sup>18</sup> Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a good conscience, desiring to conduct ourselves honorably in all things. <sup>19</sup> And I urge *you* all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you the sooner.

## Benediction

<sup>20</sup> Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, *even* Jesus our Lord, <sup>21</sup> equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>22</sup> But I urge you, brethren, bear with this word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly. <sup>23</sup> Take notice that our brother Timothy has been released, with whom, if he comes soon, I will see you. <sup>24</sup> Greet all of your leaders and all the saints. Those from Italy greet you.

<sup>25</sup> Grace be with you all.

**o EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

**② EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)  
**What does God MEAN?**

8. Do you think we could entertain angels without knowing it today?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. What is the difference between the love of money and working hard to earn an honest paycheck? What about pursuing a promotion?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. Why is the constancy of Jesus important to us? (v.8)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. What do you think some of the varied and strange teachings might have been? (v.9)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. What is the symbolism of going outside the camp? (v.11-14)

**③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)  
Why does this MATTER to me?

13. What are some things you do to protect your marriage?

14. How does verse 6 apply to today? How does this impact your current feelings and attitude toward the challenges of our nation?

15. If an angel were standing on the street corner in need how might their actions be different than our current homeless population?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

*Sermon Notes*