#### Hebrews—Part 26

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# Jesus is better! Hebrews 13:10-25

#### FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) Christianity at its core is remarkably simple:
  - 1. Our fall in Adam (sinners)
  - 2. Our recovery in Jesus (in need of a savior)
- 2) 13:10-11 In the Old Testament, the altar was used specifically for sacrifices. The Christian's altar is Jesus; it is through Him that we offer our "spiritual sacrifices" to God.
- 3) 13:12 Christ did not need an external source for the sacrifice (as did the high priests). He brought about the sanctification by the sacrifice of Himself.
- 4) 13:13 Believers must be willing to publicly identify with Jesus and to bear His reproach regardless of the consequences.
- 5) 13:14 All that is on earth does not matter, for we have a better city.
- 6) It is the actions and attitudes of the world from which we are to separate ourselves (2 Corinthians 6:14-15).
- 7) 13:15 God demands sacrifice not in the form of ritual, but in word and in deed.
- 8) *13:15* Since a loving God is working out His purposes all the time, there are no circumstances in which praise should not be offered.
- 9) *13:16* In God's economy, praise in word is inseparable from action. What we say with our lips is accompanied by our activities.
- 10) *13:17* When we do not have a loving and obedient spirit, God is displeased, our leaders are grieved, and we lose our joy.
- 11) 13:18-19 Prayer releases God's effective power for ministry.
- 12) *13:21* We not only need to know God's will, we must have His power to accomplish His will.

13) 13:21 How does God equip us?

- The Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16–17)
- Prayer (1 Thessalonians 3:10)
- The fellowship of the local church (Ephesians 4:11–12)
- Individual believers to equip us and mend us (Galatians 6:1)
- Suffering to perfect us (1 Peter 5:10; Hebrews 12)

### **GREEK WORDS**

Hagiazō—to set aside for God

Katartizō (kat-ar-tid'-zo)—to complete thoroughly, - repair or adjust :- fit, frame, mend, (make) perfect (-ly join together), prepare, restore

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