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The Bridge Bible Fellowship

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Hebrews 13:3

“Persevering Love, Part Two”

- I. Jesus Christ: Infinitely Better in His PERSON – Chapters 1-7
- I. Jesus Christ: Infinitely Better in His WORK – 8:1-10:18
- III. Christianity: An Infinitely Better WALK OF FAITH – 10:19-13:24 [A COMPLETED FAITH]
 - A. The Confidence of Faith (10:19-39)
 - B. The Examples of Faith (11) - FAITH
 - C. The Race of Faith (12) - HOPE
 - D. The Out-Workings of Faith (13) – LOVE
 - 1. Love in the Social Realm (13:1-6)
 - a. Saints (v. 1)

 - b. Strangers (v. 2)

 - c. S_____ (v. 3)

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the difference between “agape” love and “phileo” love. What significance does that have in the commands of Hebrews 13? Where do we get this kind of love for one another? How does a proper understanding of the doctrine in Hebrews 1-12 influence our ability to love like this?
2. What does the word “sympathy” mean? What other commands in the Bible relate to this concept of sympathy? How is Jesus an example of a truly sympathetic person? Where does it specifically address this in the book of Hebrews?
3. Is “ill-treated” different from those who are in prison? What are some ways that believers might be ill-treated? What does it mean to be sympathetic toward those who are ill-treated? What should genuine sympathy produce inside of you? What should that lead to according to Hebrews 13:3?
4. Why do you think the people referred to in Heb. 13:3 were in prison? Why would believers be tempted not to associate with those who were in prison? How would the doctrinal truths of Hebrews 12 help you overcome those fears and choose to associate with the prisoners? (choose some specific doctrines & verses) If you were in prison for your faith what would you want others to do for you?
5. What might it mean to be “ill-treated”? Why wouldn't they naturally care for these people? Why did they need to be reminded? What does it mean that we are “in the body”? How does that motivate me to care for people who are ill-treated?