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The Bridge Bible Fellowship

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Hebrews 13:4

“Persevering Love, Part Three”

- I. Jesus Christ: Infinitely Better in His PERSON 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. Persevering Love in the Social Realm (13:1-6)
 - a. Saints – v. 1
 - b. Strangers – v. 2
 - c. Sympathy – v. 3
 - d. S_____ – v. 4

Discussion Questions:

1. According to Genesis 2, what is a biblical definition of marriage? How do you see that definition being attacked in our culture today? What can we do to preserve the true definition of marriage?
2. According to Eph. 5, what does marriage portray for the watching world? How does a biblical marriage demonstrate the nature and attributes of God?
3. Based on your answers above, how important is it to have healthy marriages in a local church? What do you think should be done to help strengthen marriages in local churches? If you were in charge of "Marriage Ministries" what would you do to strengthen marriages?
4. What does the word "honor" mean in the Bible? Is marriage held in honor in our culture today? What are some ways that we can hold marriage in honor? What would make the next generation want to get married and follow God's plan for marriage?
5. What does it mean to keep the marriage bed undefiled? Why would someone want to get involved sexually with someone other than their spouse?
6. What is "fornication"? Why do people get involved sexually prior to marriage? What reasons does the world give for doing this? What are some biblical reasons for NOT committing fornication? What does not committing fornication have to do with "persevering love"? What does it have to do with "faith"?
7. What is "adultery"? What does not committing adultery have to do with "persevering love"? What does it have to do with "faith"? Did Jesus limit this to the physical act (Mt. 5:27-28)? What are some ways that a person might commit adultery in their heart? How might a person fail to honor their marriage with their eyes, ears, hands, feet, mouth, thoughts & emotions? What are you doing to avoid things like this?
8. How would you counsel someone who struggles with lust? What part would the Gospel play in your counsel? What practical advice would you give them to begin experiencing victory?
9. Why will God judge fornicators and adulterers? In what ways do these specific sins violate God's very nature & character?
10. One person said, "If the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, water your lawn." What are you doing to keep your marriage healthy & holy? What could you work on right now that would make it even more honorable and a stronger testimony to the world of God's love and grace?

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