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The Bridge Bible Fellowship

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Hebrews 13:15-16

“New Covenant Sacrifices, Part Two”

- I. Jesus Christ: Infinitely Better in His PERSON 1-7
- II. Jesus Christ: Infinitely Better in His WORK (8:1-10:18)
- III. Christianity: An Infinitely Better WALK OF FAITH 10:19-13:24
 - 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)
 - 2. Persevering Love in the Religious Realm (13:7-17)
 - a. Savior’s Cross – v. 7-14
 - b. Sacrifices – v. 15-16**
 - 1) **Words – v. 15**
 - 2) _____

Discussion Questions:

1. How has your use of words changed since we studied v. 15 two weeks ago? Do you see your words as a sacrificial offering to God? Have you been more thankful (1 Thess. 5:16-18; Eph. 5:20)? Have your lips been overflowing with praise (Phil. 4:4)? If not, why not? What will you need to do consistently in your spiritual walk to develop this as a pattern of life?
2. In Hebrews 13:16 we are commanded not to “neglect doing good...” What does it mean to do good? List some biblical examples of people doing good.
3. We are also commanded not to neglect “sharing...” What does it mean to share? List some biblical examples of people sharing. What did this look like in the early church?
4. Why would we neglect to do these things? What excuses might we give for not doing these things? What might these excuses indicate about our hearts? What might they indicate about our theology? What truths can you find in Hebrews 13:5-8 that would help us keep the commands in Hebrews 13:15-16?
5. What should motivate us to continually offer up the sacrifices of doing good and sharing?
6. Read Eph. 2:1-10. We know that works cannot save us or contribute to us being saved from the coming wrath of God. If that is true, then why the command to do good and share? If these works do not save us what do they do for us?
7. What are some good things you will do this week for your family, your neighbors, your friends, your co-workers, etc.? How will you do it through Him? How will you make sure it is for the glory of God?
8. What do you have that you can “share” with others this week as a sacrifice to God? What spiritual things? What physical things? What verbal things? What emotional things? What financial things?

[Outline blanks: **Works**]