

June 14, 2009  
The Bridge Bible Fellowship  
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Hebrews 13:18-25

***Jesus Christ is Infinitely Better!***  
**“The Conclusion!”**

**Review of Hebrews:** my desire from this study is that we will be so blown away by the Person and Work of Jesus Christ that:

- We will **worship** Him with greater **enthusiasm** than ever before!
- We will **listen** to Him with greater **attention** than ever before!
- We will **follow** Him with greater **obedience** than ever before!
- We will **rest** in Him with greater **peace** than ever before!
- We will **pray** to Him with greater **expectation** than ever before!
- We will **trust** in Him with greater **faith** than ever before!
- We will **look** to Him with greater **longing** than ever before!
- We will **proclaim** Him with greater **boldness** than ever before!
- We will **live** for Him with greater **holiness** than ever before!

**FAITH** = “Forsaking All I Take Him!”

- 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
- IV. **Conclusion – 13:18-25**

A. \_\_\_\_\_ – v. 18-19

B. \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) – v. 20-21

C. \_\_\_\_\_ – v. 22-23

D. \_\_\_\_\_ – v. 24

E. \_\_\_\_\_ – v. 25

## Discussion Questions:

1. Look at the “Review of Hebrews” in the outline. Was my desire for the study of Hebrews fulfilled in your life? In what specific ways have you seen your life change in each of those areas as a result of studying Hebrews? Be specific.
2. What were the specific prayer requests mentioned in v. 18-19? Why was the author sure that he had a good conscience? How does the Book of Hebrews say we can have a good conscience?
3. In vv. 20-21 the author records his prayer for the readers and himself. Note the specific statements that come from earlier verses in Hebrews (i.e., peace, blood, covenant, Resurrection, Shepherd, equip). The author is praying according to what is recorded in Scripture. What can you learn from this about praying according to the Scriptures? How does praying according to the Scriptures impact your confidence in God’s answer to your prayers? What happens if someone prays according to a misinterpretation of the Scriptures? Should they have the same confidence? How should this impact your commitment to diligently study the Bible and pray accordingly? What will you do differently this week?
4. Why did the author have to exhort them to “bear with” the exhortation in the letter to the Hebrews? What in this letter would have been difficult for them to bear? Do you ever have a tendency to stay away from the difficult or more challenging sections of the Bible? For people who do that, what does it reveal about their understanding of God? His love and care for them? His wisdom? His sovereignty in their lives? What does it reveal about their understanding of their relationship to God? Submission? Obedience? Read Deuteronomy 10:12-13. Why does God give us commands (even the very difficult ones)?
5. What is the significance of greeting people? What does it communicate when we “send our greetings” to people in other parts of the world? How significant is it when we “greet one another” each week when the church gathers? How might it be more significant the next time we gather? What could you do to make it significant?
6. Why does the author end on the subject of “grace”? What is the significance of it in relationship to the Book of Hebrews? Why do Paul’s epistles begin and end with “grace”? If we are already saved by grace then why say “Grace be with you all”? In what sense is he wanting grace to be with them?
7. How will the study of Hebrews help you PERSEVERE in your race of faith? What specific verses in Hebrews will you memorize to strengthen you when you have those moments when you feel like quitting? Memorize them, meditate upon them, and apply them for the glory of God!

[Words for blanks: **Petition; Benediction (Intercession); Exhortation; Salutation; Valediction]**