

Hebrews 13:1-14 Grace That Forms a Faithful People

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Grace establishes the heart and trains the life.

Let brotherly love continue. (Hebrews 13:1 NKJV)

Those brought near by Christ's blood are brought near to one another.

[Be] kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; (Romans 12:10 NKJV)

and

Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, (1 Peter 1:22 NKJV)

Gospel love is not a mood to be maintained; it is a family obligation to be continued.

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so [doing] some have unwittingly entertained angels. (Hebrews 13:2 NKJV)

A hospitable church shows the world what it looks like when strangers are brought near by grace.

Remember the prisoners as if chained with them--those who are mistreated--since you yourselves are in the body also. (Hebrews 13:3 NKJV)

Another Christian's pain must not be treated as distant news.

And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with [it]; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with [it]. (1 Corinthians 12:26 NKJV)

Christian compassion is embodied solidarity, not spectator sympathy.

'I [was] naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' (Matthew 25:36 NKJV)

The church has not remembered the suffering until it has moved toward them in love.

Marriage [is] honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge. (Hebrews 13:4 NKJV)

Marriage is honorable because God made it so.

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. (Genesis 2:24 NKJV)

God created intimacy as holy, but sin seeks to distort it.

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, (1 Thessalonians 4:3-4 NKJV)

Marriage is honored when covenant love becomes a daily picture of Christlike faithfulness.

[Let your] conduct [be] without covetousness; [be] content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we may boldly say: "The LORD [is] my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" (Hebrews 13:5-6 NKJV)

Biblical contentment means the soul is anchored in God's presence, not circumstances.

Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:11-13 NKJV)

Contentment is learned with Christ.

For the love of money is a root of all [kinds of] evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. (1 Timothy 6:10 NKJV)

Contentment grows where the soul believes that God's presence is better security than money's promise.

Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of [their] conduct. (Hebrews 13:7 NKJV)

Faithful leaders are not replacements for Christ; they are signposts pointing the church back to Christ.

Jesus Christ [is] the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Hebrews 13:8 NKJV)

This verse stands like a mountain peak in the passage.

For all the promises of God in Him [are] Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. (2 Corinthians 1:20 NKJV)

The Christian life is steady only because Christ is unchanging.

Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For [it is] good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. (Hebrews 13:9 NKJV)

Rules and Regulations cannot establish the heart; only grace can.

So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ. (Colossians 2:16-17 NKJV)

Grace establishes the heart by resting it in Christ's finished work.

"So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. (Acts 20:32 NKJV)

The heart becomes stable not by chasing spiritual novelty, but by resting in gospel grace.

We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. (Hebrews 13:10 NKJV)

Under the old covenant, certain offerings were eaten by priests.

'The priest who offers it for sin shall eat it. In a holy place it shall be eaten, in the court of the tabernacle of meeting. (Leviticus 6:26 NKJV)

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke [it], and gave [it] to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave [it] to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. (Matthew 26:26-28 NKJV)

The altar of Christ offers what religion can never provide: full access to God through a finished sacrifice.

For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. (Hebrews 13:11-12 NKJV)

"The bull [for] the sin offering and the goat [for] the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the Holy [Place], shall be carried outside the camp. And they shall burn in the fire their skins, their flesh, and their offal. (Leviticus 16:27 NKJV)

Outside the camp signified uncleanness, rejection, and removal.

For He made Him who knew no sin [to be] sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV)

Jesus went outside the gate so outsiders could be brought home to God.

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Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. (Hebrews 13:13 NKJV)

This is the call of discipleship.

"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before [it hated] you. "If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. (John 15:18-19 NKJV)

The aim is not needless offense, but faithfulness to Christ.

If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed [are you], for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. (1 Peter 4:14 NKJV)

It is better to bear reproach with Jesus than to enjoy approval without Him.

For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. (Hebrews 13:14 NKJV)

This world is not our final home.

for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker [is] God. (Hebrews 11:10 NKJV)

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, (Hebrews 12:22 NKJV)

The Christian life is lived between Christ's altar and the coming city.

Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God [is] with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them [and be] their God. (Revelation 21:2-3 NKJV)

Christians can live outside the camp because their true home is the city to come.

Grace does not merely forgive the believer's past; it forms a people who live for Christ in the present and long for His coming kingdom.