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AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Title: A Better Savior, A Better Life

Passage: Hebrews 13:1-6

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Introduction: Many Christians know what God says; the challenge is putting it into practice. It is possible to know the truth, defend the truth, and even teach the truth without allowing that truth to change the way we live. For twelve chapters, Hebrews has shown us one great truth: Jesus is better. But as we come to the final chapter, the focus shifts from what we know about Christ to how that knowledge should affect our lives. The writer is not telling us how to earn Christ's acceptance, but how we should live because we have already received it. If we truly have a better Savior, shouldn't He produce a better life?

I. A Better Savior Produces Better Relationships (Verses 1-3)

One of the clearest evidences that Christ has changed your heart is that He changes the way you love other people.

The measure of Christian love isn't how we treat people who are easy to love. It's how we treat people who occasionally disappoint us, disagree with us, or simply get on our nerves.

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (John 13:35)



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The same Christ who teaches us to love our brothers and sisters also teaches us to notice people we've never met before.

Biblical hospitality is opening your home, your table, and your life to the new people God brings across your path.

The Christ who carried our greatest burden teaches us to help carry the burdens of others.

II. A Better Savior Produces Better Homes (Verses 4-6)

A heart satisfied with Christ doesn't have to look somewhere else for satisfaction.

If Satan can undermine God's design for marriage or convince us that we'll only be happy if we have something or someone else, he'll rob us of the joy God intended us to have.

Our contentment is not ultimately found in what we possess. It is found in the presence of Christ.

We have the abiding presence of Jesus Christ. If He is enough to save us for eternity, surely He is enough to satisfy us today.

The believer who knows Christ is with him doesn't have to live in fear. He doesn't have to chase security in money or significance in possessions because his confidence is resting in Someone far greater.

When Christ becomes our greatest treasure, everything else in life begins to find its proper place.

A better Savior produces a better marriage because He teaches husbands and wives that love is more than emotion, it is a lifelong covenant.



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Conclusion: We are reminded once again that Jesus is better. Better than the prophets, better than the angels, better than Moses, better than the sacrifices, and better than the old covenant. He is the Savior who saved us, the Lord who sustains us, and the One who has promised, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." The question now is whether the truth we have learned will be seen in the lives we live. May those who know us best see the difference Jesus has made in us, and may our lives point others to just how wonderful our Savior truly is.



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