

Abide in Me

John 15:4

*Bible studies for disciples
who make disciples*



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Live Small

Jesus: Our Once and Forever Meal

Hebrews 13:8-12

The central theme in the book of Hebrews is that Jesus Christ is superior to all things. This will never change! Specifically, He is superior to the old Covenant and Law. Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice which the offering on the Day of Atonement was a picture. The Day of Atonement sacrifice was repeated annually, but Jesus offered Himself once and forever through His own sacrificial death. This passage will take us into the reality of Christ's death using powerful pictures and images.

READING AND OBSERVING HEBREWS 13

⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹ Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹ For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹² So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.

- Circle the three tenses of the immutability of Christ.
- Place a † over each reference to Jesus, including pronouns.
- Double underline the first words of verse 9. This is the only command in the passage and it controls all that follows.
- Underline the two words the writer uses to describe false teaching.
- Place brackets around the phrase "for...by grace" and parenthesis around "not by foods."
- Circle the word *altar* in verse 10. In the left margin write *The Cross*.
- In the left margin of verse 11 write, *The Day of Atonement*.
- Circle "outside the camp" and "outside the gate" and draw a line to connect both phrases.
- Underline "in order to," double underline "sanctify," and triple underline "through his own blood."

DISCUSSING THE PASSAGE TOGETHER

1. What characteristic of Christ is highlighted in verse 8? How is it connected to what came before and after?

9. What is the significance of the term “outside the camp?” What is the point the writer is making regarding Jesus’ sacrifice “outside the gate?” (Read Isaiah 53:3-4 for more insight)

10. What did Jesus accomplish on the cross for you? What are some of the great acts accomplished at the cross that you treasure the most?

Spend some time thanking and praising God for the cross of Christ.

