



A Summary of the Christian Life

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Hebrews 13:15-25

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What we have learned so far in our study ...

- The Theme of the Book - Jesus is "Better" ...
- The Outline of the Book of Hebrews ...

A Better Person: Jesus (1-6)

A Better Priest: Jesus (7-10)

A Better Principle: Faith (11-13)

The People of Faith (11)

The Perseverance of Faith (12)

The Proofs of Faith (13)

5 Priorities to Keep in Your Christian Life vs. 1-14

Loving and caring for our brothers and sisters in need (vs. 1-3)

Honor marriage as the most important human relationship on earth (v. 4)

Don't fall in love with money (vs. 5-6)

Follow the Example of Your Leadership's Faith (v. 7)

Devote Yourself to Christ No Matter What Is Taught in the Culture or What It Costs (vs. 8-14)

What we are going to learn today in our study ...

Hebrews 13:15-25

The Context — "*Through Him then* ..." (This is connected back to v. 14)

The Conclusion — "*Through Him then* ..." (This is connected with what is to follow in vs. 15-25)

LESSON - A Summary of the Christian Life 13:15-25

I. YOU SEE IT IN OUR **SACRIFICIAL** LIFE. vs. 15-16

The Contrast of Worship — The O.T. & N.T. Sacrifices

"Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, ..."

The Concept of Worship — The Necessary Elements

Content of Worship — We offer sacrifice with our:

- **LIPS** v. 15 *"... the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name."*
- **LIVES** v. 16 *"And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."*

II. YOU SEE IT IN OUR **SUBMISSION** & **SUPPLICATIONS** FOR LEADERSHIP. vs. 17-19

The Problem — Why do some resist obeying and submitting to leaders?

- The previous **EXPERIENCES** with leaders in Churches.
- The prevalent **EXHORTATIONS** in Scripture.

The Picture — Why are you to obey and submit to your leaders? v. 17

- They are **RESPONSIBLE** to God. *"... for they keep watch over your souls ... give an account."*
- You will **REGRET** it *"... for this would be unprofitable for you."*

The Practice — 2 things you are to do:

- Offer **SUBMISSION** *"obey your leaders and submit to them."* v. 17
- Offer **SUPPLICATIONS** *"Pray for us, ..."* vs. 18-19

III. YOU SEE IT IN OUR **STRENGTH** FROM GOD. vs. 20-21

The Principle — What God commands He provides

The Person — Who is this God that enables us?

- A **PEACE** giving God. *"Now the God of peace, ..."*
- A **LIFE** giving God. *"... who brought up from the dead ..."*
- A **SHEPHERDING** God. *"... the great Shepherd of the sheep ..."*
- A **COVENANT** keeping God. *"through the blood of the eternal covenant, ..."*
- An **EQUIPPING** God. *"equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us ..."*
- A Christ **EXALTING** God. *"... to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen."*

Final Words ... vs. 22-25