

Series "Jesus Is Better"
"Real Blessings"
Hebrews 13:20-25
Study-36

Hebrews 4:16

The writer closes by gathering together the major themes of Hebrews in Prayer: peace, the resurrected Christ, the blood, the covenant, spiritual perfection (maturity), God's work in the believer.

Hebrews 11-13 – A Superior Principle: Faith

The Thought Of Our Passage: "Through A Relationship With Jesus Christ Comes All Spiritual Blessings, Producing Christ-Like Maturity To The Glory Of God."

1. Verses 20-21 – Prayer For The Believers

2. Verses 22-25 – Personal Appeal And Greetings

1. Verses 20-21 – Prayer For The Believers:

Hebrews 13:20

"Now" – The Context: The writer has been speaking in Hebrews 13:17-19 – "Real Leadership"; Verses 18-19 – Prayerful Leadership.

"Now" – the author offers a Prayer/Benediction for his readers!

Verse 20 – What God Did Through Christ: "Now the God of peace,"

Peace – "completeness, soundness, welfare, well-being, wholeness."

Jeremiah 29:11

Romans 5:1; Philippians 4:7-9; Romans 16:20

God's Power And Provision: "who brought up from the dead" – The verb "brought up" means "to lead up", Romans 10:7.

Acts 2:27

"the great Shepherd of the sheep" – Jesus Christ is the Great Shepherd because He is risen from the dead!

"the good shepherd" – John 10:11

Peter identified Jesus as the "chief shepherd," 1 Peter 5:4.

David, the Psalmist, declared that Jehovah was the Shepherd, Psalm 23:1.

Mark 6:34

Psalms 28:9

Our Great Shepherd Is Also Our Great High Priest: "through the blood of the eternal covenant,"

Hebrews 4:14

Jesus' triumphal entry, Zechariah's prophecy was fulfilled: Zechariah 9:9.

"through the blood" – Zechariah 9:11

God's Unbreakable Promise: "eternal covenant," – Hebrews 8, a covenant based on the sacrifice discussed in Hebrews 10.

John 19:30 – "It is finished!"

Hebrews 10:15-18

"even Jesus our Lord," – Jesus: His humanity, His earthly ministry of Christ; "Lord" – The sovereignty of Jesus, 1 John 2:28.

Verse 21 – What God Is Doing In Christ's People: Hebrews 13:21.

"equip you" – KJV Hebrews 13:21 – "Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

"equip" – KJV "make you perfect"; "to strengthen, perfect, complete, make one what he ought to be, one who by correction may be brought back into the right way, of those who have been restored to harmony."

We, Like The Hebrew Readers, Have Some Spiritual Fractures And Rips That Only God Can Repair, Ephesians 4:11-12.

5 Features Of Maturity Through Jesus Christ:

- 1. Maturity – "in every good thing"** – People must be doing works that correspond to divine goodness.

2. **Maturity – “to do His will,” (Life’s Highest Purpose) –**
Maturity's goal is “to do the will of God.”
3. **Maturity – “working in us that which is pleasing in His sight,”**
– Philippians 2:12-13
4. **Maturity – “through Jesus Christ,”** – The means of maturity is
“through Jesus Christ”; “in Christ” or “in Jesus Christ” occurs 169X
in Paul’s writings, 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:18.
5. **Maturity – “to whom be the glory forever and ever.”** – The
ultimate end of maturity is the glory of God. To glorify Christ is to
glorify God.

Glory – is the manifestation of splendor, our lives adjusted to the will of God.

Like Peter we can get our eyes off the Lord – Matthew 14:28-30.

How Does Jesus Equip/Mature Us?

Jesus Uses Other Believers To Equip Us And Mend Us:
Galatians 6:1-2

Jesus Uses Suffering To Perfect His Children: 1 Peter 5:10,
Hebrews 12

Jesus Uses His Word: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Jesus Uses Prayer: 1 Thessalonians 3:10

Jesus Uses The Church Fellowship: Ephesians 4:11-12

“Amen.” – The “Amen” – “so be it, let it be.”

2. Verses 22-25 – Personal Appeal And Greetings:

Hebrews 13:22

Verse 22 – Instruction To Obey: “But I urge you, brethren,” – Hebrew Christians: “We” or “Us” used 24X in this epistle.

“bear with this word of exhortation,” – “suffer the word, to forbear, to listen carefully to what he has to say.”

Paul tells us how we should respond to God's Word. 1 Thessalonians 2:13

"for I have written to you briefly." – Hebrews 1:1-13:22

Verses 23-24 – Fellowship To Cherish: Hebrews 13:23

"Take notice that our brother Timothy has been released," –
2 Timothy 4:14-15

Hebrews 13:24

"Greet all of your leaders" – acknowledges the leaders – respects leader's position.

"Those from Italy greet you." – "They of Italy salute you"

Verse 25 – "Grace" To Apply: Hebrews 13:25; Hebrews speaks of God's grace – Hebrews 2:9.

Hebrews 4:16

Hebrews 10:29

Application:

1. We Should Glorify The God Of Peace For Giving Us His Eternal Covenant, The Great Shepherd, And For His Equipping Us And Enabling Us.
2. The Writer Urged His Readers To "bear with this word of exhortation," The Message Of Grace Is Popular, But The Responsibilities Of Grace Are Not So.
3. Hebrews Answers The Question, "How Can I Stand Firm In A World That Is Shaking All Around Me?" The Answer: Know – The Superior Person Jesus Christ: Trust – Jesus' Superior Priesthood: Live – By The Superior Principle Of Faith.