



1 Let brotherly love continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. 3 Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.

Hebrews 13:1-21

4 Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. 5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Hebrews 13:1-21

6 So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" 7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

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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.

Hebrews 13:1-21

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.

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13 Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. 14 For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.

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15 Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. 16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Hebrews 13:1-21

18 Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. 19 I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner.

Hebrews 13:1-21

20 Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, 21 equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:1-21

When you are holding fast to Jesus, you live a life of worship in action, and:

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2. Humbly seek guidance
3. Bear the blessing of Christ in our world

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“Let brotherly love continue.” (v.1)

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“keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters.”
(NIV)

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Love - unconditional commitment

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“When you have **Christ** in common, you have **all things** in common.”

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“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers...” (v.2)

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v. 1: Philadelphia - Φιλadelphεία - brotherly love

v. 2: Philoxenia - Φιλοξενία - hospitality of strangers

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“He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.” (Deuteronomy 10:18-19)

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“The point here is not so much that we should expect angels in our homes today (though that is certainly possible) as that we just never know the significance our hospitality might have for the kingdom of God.”
- R. Kent Hughes

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“Sheep are not at all the clean and cuddly creatures they may appear. In fact, they are dirty, subject to unpleasant pests, and regularly need to be dipped in strong chemicals to rid them of lice, ticks and worms. They are also unintelligent, wayward and obstinate.”
- John Stott



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“Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1)

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“We are not to follow mere men, not even the best of men, as our model and example in all things is Christ alone. But we can learn to emulate Christian graces where we see them displayed in Christian leaders.”
- John Owens

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“Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of sheep” (v.20)

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Shepherd of Eternal Security: My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. (John 10:27-28)

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Practically:

1. Know the Great Shepherd of sheep
2. Become a Member of a Gospel-centered Church
3. "Pray for us..." (v.18)

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The Benediction

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May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
(Psalm 67:1-2)

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