

# Sermon Notes – September 12, 2021

## Review

- We have spent just over eight months enjoying the letter to the Hebrews! Culturally, this has been and continues to be a season of stress and division and fear. The antidote in this letter has been a full and glorious picture of Jesus Christ, a greater prophet than Moses, a greater priest than the Levitical priests of old, and a greater King than famous and fallible King David.
- Last week we saw seven very practical ways that our lives should “adorn the gospel,” all illustrated with objects on a table (do you remember them?).

## Text & context: READ Hebrews 13:10-25

From all appearances, we live at a point in history that involves both great change and great threats to all that we hold dear. Fear and anxiety seem to dog our daily steps. How good it has been in these challenging days to hold on to Christ in all His glory as presented on the pages of Hebrews!

In this final section, we are called to join the people of faith before us who also “looked for a city...whose designer and builder is God” (11:10). In our text today, we see four characteristics of those who seek an enduring city.

## We Embrace the Gospel of a Suffering Savior (10-14)

- ⇒ This is the glory of the gospel of a crucified Savior! The OT connection is this: Some of the animal sacrifices were used as food, but on the \_\_\_\_\_, the animals used in sacrifice were burned outside the camp. Figuratively they were utterly stained by sin. So too, Christ – the \_\_\_\_\_ One – was stained by our sin and suffered “outside the camp.”
- ⇒ We join Christ, then, “outside the camp,” in that place of rejection and danger. Similarly, we take the gospel to a potentially hostile and dangerous world.
- ⇒ Our world, full of false values, has elevated \_\_\_\_\_ to a “core value,” and the church isn’t far behind. Let’s face it: taking the gospel to “the ends of the world” is not always safe.

We Seek An Enduring City  
Hebrews 13:10-25  
Pastor Jay Mosser

## We Respond to Christ’s Gospel with Costly Obedience (15-16)

- ⇒ (“Then” ... “Therefore”) We praise God even when \_\_\_\_\_, and frankly, our pain and discomfort threshold is very low.
- ⇒ We value people more than our stuff. People will last; stuff won’t.

## We Live Out the Gospel Within the Church Family (17-19)

- ⇒ Those who lead should lead like Christ. They “keep watch over...souls” and will \_\_\_\_\_ for how they do that.
- ⇒ Those who are led should respond to leaders as to Christ and will also answer to God (“let your leaders lead with joy and not groaning”).
- ⇒ Yes, church messes can come from \_\_\_\_\_ or from those led. Sometimes leaders fail to lead like Jesus, and sometimes those led fail to honor God-given leadership. Stories of leaders who mess up make the news; stories of people who refuse to be led rarely do.
- ⇒ No, church messes do not negate biblical \_\_\_\_\_ on how we treat each other, and (praise God), He continues to build and use the Church despite the regular messes that have been made down through the centuries.

## We Live the Gospel Together Before God’s Throne (20-25)

- ⇒ Keep your eyes on Christ, “the Great Shepherd of the sheep.”
- ⇒ “May God...equip you with everything good that you may do His will.”
- ⇒ May you be “well-pleasing in His sight” – yes, God is watching His church.

## Responding to God’s Word

- ⇒ The book of Hebrews points us to Christ! In this day of threats and fear and anxiety, this is an urgent need for God’s people. It is urgent for you!
- ⇒ The gospel of a suffering Savior goes forth today at great cost – in every conceivable category! Would you ask God to show you where your values – whether for safety or security or peace or temporary happiness – conflict with gospel values? All these false values are elusive and temporary. Are YOU actively “seeking an enduring city” or is your hope here?

**Worship Next Sunday: September 19, 2021**

**“Our Glorious Christ & His Glorious Church”**

(Ephesians 3:1-21) Pastor Jay Mosser

**Answer Key:** • Day of Atonement • perfect • safety • it hurts • answer to God • leaders • commands