

HEBREWS

THE COMPLETE WORK OF CHRIST

The Big Hebrew Finish

Hebrews 12:28 says "Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that can't be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe." These last instructions are on how we accomplish this.

A Response to Faith and Worship...

- The Gospel fills you with a sense of wonder and worship that makes you want to OBEY God.
- The commands of God are like RAILROAD TRACKS that point you in the direction to go. But, the GOSPEL is the only engine that can move you along the tracks.
- The way to gain the POWER to move is by better knowing the Gospel.

1) Practice HOSPITALITY.

Hebrews 13:1-2a (ESV) *Let brotherly love continue.² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers...*

- Our belief in the Gospel is demonstrated by our hospitality.

2) Avoid IMMORALITY.

Hebrews 13:4 (ESV) *Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.*

- Sexually immoral and adulterous seems redundant, but adulterous means to be married and have sex outside of it; sexually immoral means to not be married and have sex."

3) Flee MATERIALISM.

Hebrews 13:5-6 (ESV) *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."⁶ So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"*

- The command: BE CONTENT and BE CONFIDENT.

4) HONOR the CHURCH. **Hebrews 13:7-19 (ESV)**

- Observe the life of your leaders and imitate their faith.
- Evaluate the church's message by the Gospel.
- Is the church going "outside the camp" to the lost?
- Generosity, both inside and outside the church, should be a big deal. It's a sign of gospel change.
- Pray for your pastoral team.

Hebrew Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21 (ESV) *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.*

Additional Notes:

scriptures that relate

Monday: Hebrews 8	Wednesday: Hebrews 10	Friday: Hebrews 12
Tuesday: Hebrews 9	Thursday: Hebrews 11	Saturday: Hebrews 13

small groups—talk it over

1. What is your city, that place of security and peace?
2. Why does hospitality send such a positive message to unbelievers?
3. Why is immorality such a trap in our culture?
4. What is the best way to stay content and confident with the Lord?
5. Why does the Hebrew writer emphasize so strongly about honoring the church?

pastor brian's prayer requests

Monday: Pray for all of our kids, especially those 20 that made first time commitments at VBS.

Tuesday: Pray for the Youth Department that I-Games will be a great outreach tool.

Wednesday: Pray for our country. Let us be thankful for all who have sacrificed for our freedom.

Thursday: Pray for our church to be a light in the darkness in our community.

Friday: Pray for us as a church and that we will seek God and be growing as disciples of Christ.

Saturday: Pray for our services this weekend that God will speak loud and clear.