## June 29, 2025 HEBREWS 13:1-14 "Living The Separated Life"

## PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

This epilogue contains specific admonitions. The author suggests ways to worship God acceptably as expressed in 12:28 and gives warnings to pursue Christian behavior.

This pericope may be viewed in the following format: Vv 1-7, instruction for living the Christian life. (Ways a believer can live life well)

Vv 8-11, the immutability of Christ. (Jesus is eternally the same)

Vv 12-14, eternal security of the believer. (looking forward to things to come)

Sound doctrine in the church is essential. The church must mature in the faith or lay open for attack. A church that is spiritually immature in Bible knowledge will remain vulnerable to the craftiness of Satan, see Acts 20.

Verse 9 firmly speaks to the need for sound, unchanging, biblical doctrine. Be careful about choosing the man who steps into the pulpit. II Corinthians 11:13-14 states that Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Satan's favorite target is the church. Think about it; if he can cause error and confusion within the walls of the church he is multiplying his range of victims when misled people go out into the world unarmed, without the Word of truth hidden in their hearts, see Psalm 119:11.

V 13, the emphasis is, go to Him where He is. Jesus is outside the camp of Judaism. To align one's self with Jesus is to subject self to scorn, reproach, and probably more. No matter what lies ahead, Jesus will be there for you-unchanged.

## **Application:**

The author has laid out plainly that Jesus is superior to all offices, people, places, or things. With this truth firmly established in the first 12 chapters, he now addresses living the separated life of a genuine follower of Jesus Christ. The separated life is grounded in morality, is anchored in the unchanging Word and character of Christ, is a purpose driven life that is not ashamed of the gospel. In the world, not of the world.