

Letter to the Hebrews

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Conclusion Hebrews 13:20-25

I. THE GOD OF PEACE (Verse 20a)

God is the only one who can bring simplicity, stability, and sanity to your life: this is salvation indeed

II. THE GOD OF LIFE (Verse 20b)

1. God the Father led Jesus forth from the dead according to the terms of the eternal covenant between them
2. The Sons part was His shed blood for redemption with the Fathers part being the resurrection
3. The believer is assured of being raised from the dead as one of the benefits of this great eternal covenant

III. THE GOD WHO CARES (Verse 20c)

1. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep
2. The Good Shepherd guards the sheepfold, Israel, and leads them forth in safety (*John 10:1-16*)
3. The Great Shepherd cares for the sheep, the Church of both Jew and Gentile, and sends them into the world
4. The Great Shepherd assigns under shepherds to watch over His sheep in the world (*1 Peter 5:1-4*)

IV. THE GOD WHO WORKS (Verse 21)

1. God will equip you with everything necessary to do His will in the world: it's a promise
2. God works in and through you to accomplish that which He desires: it's a fact of faith

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Application

In this letter to Hebrew Christians we have seen how Christ is far superior to anyone else - in heaven (the angels), or on earth (prophets, Moses, Melchizedek, the Old Testament Priests). His is the only true religion with a heavenly High Priest and true tabernacle in heaven where He is the only mediator between God and man.

Christ is greater than all and He is the only way to the Father in heaven. There is salvation in no other name. All other religions are false and can only give temporary relief at best.

The New Testament believer is no longer under the Law and commandments of the Old Covenant of Israel but is directed by the Spirit of Christ who dwells within.

The New Testament believer is the beneficiary of all of the benefits of the Eternal Covenant between God the Father and God the Son including the assurance of being raised from the dead and living forever in the presence of God.

The believer has been given several warnings; don't become hard hearted or fall back in your faith, don't lose hope or lose confidence in Christ.

The believer is not to live under the mistaken idea that he has the power to live the Christian life. As we have seen in these concluding verses, it is God who equips you for service for Him and He is the one who works in you and through you. The Christ life is God's work alone.

The application is to faith. Do you believe this truth and are you willing to let go and let God have His way.