

**THE BOOK OF HEBREWS**  
Chapter 13  
**“Jesus Will Make You Complete”**

**This morning we finish this awesome Book of Hebrews.**

As Chapter 13 closes out the Book of Hebrews, it is filled with practical “**How To**” principles that are in the form of encouragement to us.

**The first 5 Verses are in the form of 5 practical things that we should be doing in our life right now.**

1. Let Brotherly Love continue.
2. Entertain Strangers.
3. Remember other Christians that are Persecuted.
4. Marriage is Honorable.
5. Be content with what you have.

**Also, a warning to parents this morning that might have their children with them here in the sanctuary:**

- ☞ **The Sunday Morning Service** is really designed for the Adult members of the Body.
- ☞ **We deal with adult subjects**, this is why we provide children’s church so that kids can get ministered to at their own age level.
- ☞ **The Bible** is full of instructions on Love, Marriage, and Sex.
- ☞ As we get into certain Chapters of the Bible that Deal with issues of sex marriage and relationships, we will be talking about them.
- ☞ **This morning**, we will be talking about these subjects here, so if you would prefer your younger children not hear this study, you should take them into the children’s classes now.

**Hebrews 13**

1 Let **brotherly love** continue.

**It is not an accident that Love is first on the list.**

- ☞ **It is our primary focus here at Calvary Chapel** to develop in all of us a great love for each other.
- ☞ **There is no greater goal** that we have than to learn to really love each other, because until we learn to do this, nothing else really matters.
- ☞ **If we cannot love each other** without any conditions, without any limits, then we have accomplished nothing.
- ☞ **If we say** “*I can only love you when you don’t hurt or disappoint me*”, then that is not love at all...”

I have seen people who come and participate in our little family here, where we are constantly seeking to love and encourage each other, that after many years of being loved and loving others, will leave us for some small offense that someone has done.

- ⊖ **That is not** Brotherly love.
- ⊖ **If we really love each other**, then there is nothing that will cause us to leave **any place of fellowship**, where **imperfect people** are trying to love each other.
- ⊖ **If we really do love each other**, we will not allow our self to be hurt or offended when someone says or does something.

### **1 Corinthians 12:20-22**

20 But now indeed we are many members, yet one body.

21 And **the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”**; nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”

22 No, much rather, **those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary**.

25 that **there should be no schism (Division) in the body**, but that the members should have the same care for one another.

The heart of “**Brotherly Love**” towards each other is a **constant state of bearing with each other**, and letting offenses that come along, letting them GO!

- ⊖ **If we depart from our Church Family** because of some offense, then we show ourselves to be the most selfish, self centered people.
- ⊖ **There is no** “Perfect Church”, you can find something at every fellowship that will eventually hurt or offend you.
- ⊖ **We are Called** to “Grow where God has Planted Us”.
- ⊖ **Growing** often includes PRUNING, and REMOVING WEEDS.
- ⊖ **In God’s family**, there is no such thing as **Separation or Divorce** from one another. **Jesus never walks out on us**, He bears with us, waits patiently for us, We are to bear with each other in every situation of our lives.
- ⊖ **We practice Brotherly Love in its truest intent** only when it is the most difficult for us to love, that is, when someone has hurt us.
- ⊖ **Otherwise how is this love at all**, if it cannot be exercised when it matters most?

So let this be our constant goal, to love each other in Brotherly love, in those moments when it counts the most, when it is the most difficult for us personally...

### **Hebrews 13**

2 Do not forget to **entertain strangers**, for by so doing some have unwittingly **entertained angels**.

In the original Greek language that your New Testament was translated into English from, the Word “**Angel**” is the Greek Word “**Angelos**”

- ☞ **An “Angelos”** is simply “**A messenger**”, it does not necessarily mean that it is a being from heaven.
- ☞ **In Our study** going through the Book of Revelation, the pastors of the 7 Churches in chapters 2 and 3, are called “**Angelos**”, “*The messengers to the 7 churches.*”
- ☞ **That is all that a Pastor Is.** A messenger delivering to you “The Word of the Living God...” and a Shepherd Leading By Example...

During the time that this chapter in Hebrews was written, in Israel, as in most of the world, people did not like to stay in hotels or inns because they were on the same level in their reputation, as a house of prostitution.

- ☞ **They were full of insect infestation**, filthy and stinky.
- ☞ **One ancient letter** that was written to a friend, asked if he knew which inn along his journey would have the fewest Fleas in it!

As a result of this, many Christians that went from town to town and taught the Bible’s Good news about what Jesus has done, would seek to stay with other believers in the city they went to.

- ☞ **The encouragement then here** is to “take in these strangers” if you are a believer in Jesus, because who knows that you might be taking in one of these “**messengers**” that came to town to tell people about Jesus.
- ☞ **It could also mean** that some of these people that look like mere human beings, are in fact angelic beings.
- ☞ **I believe** that we often come in contact with angels, but just do not know it.

### **Saved from an Explosion**

*“I am 15 and I had an angel encounter - and he or she saved me. I was lighting the garbage barrel at my house, having no idea there was an aerosol can in the garbage bag. I lit the fire and played around a little. I went back to check the fire and I heard a hissing sound. The next thing I knew, I felt hands around me throwing me to the ground. My entire family was inside the house cleaning. I know in my heart my guardian angel was the one who saved me.”*

**- Tedd Cherry**

### **Incredible Rescue from an Accident**

23 year old Summer was on her way to work at a new job, when she pulled out into an intersection right into the path of a Semi Tractor–Trailer.

Knowing that she was about to be hit broadside, she thought to herself, “*This is it, I am going to die.*”

She ducked down into the other side of her front seat as the horror and fear came over her.

It was then that she felt a comforting presence next to her that told her “**To not to be afraid, everything would be ok.**”

The next thing she remembers was being taken to the hospital with just a broken arm and a few bruises.

Summer found out later that the Semi that hit her was carrying 40, 981 pounds of steel.

**When the Semi hit Summers car, the force pushed the drivers side door inside, knocking the bench seat she was sitting on, off the floor mount and out the passenger door while she was still sitting on it.**

The seat belt should have cut her in half, but mysteriously, it had been cut by something at the bottom by the door.

Experts said that the seat belt held her just long enough to prevent her from being thrown out the car, but when it was mysteriously cut, it allowed her to be pushed out of the smashed car without being crushed to death.

**In Acts chapter 27, Paul gives his own account of how an Angel helped him when he was on a ship headed for Rome to be put on trial for teaching Jesus.**

### **Acts 27:1-25**

1 And when it was decided that we should sail to Italy, they delivered Paul and some other prisoners ....

2 So, entering a ship ... we put to sea,

9 Now when much time had been spent, and sailing was now dangerous...

14 ...not long after, a tempestuous head wind arose...

21 But after long abstinence from food, then Paul stood in the midst of them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me, and not have sailed from Crete and incurred this disaster and loss.

22 And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship.

**23 For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve,**

24 saying, "**Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar;** and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.'

25 **Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God** that it will be just as it was told me...

Perhaps you have had an experience like one of these where you realized later that it might have been an Angel that had helped you or comforted you

### **Hebrews 1:14**

Are they not all Angels ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

**One of the purposes that Jesus created the Angels for, is to assist you in completing your life here on earth with Jesus, to help you make it into His Presence.**

### **1 Peter 1:10-12 NLT**

10 This salvation was something the prophets wanted to know more about...

11 They wondered what the Spirit of Christ within them was talking about when he told them in advance about Christ's suffering

12 They were told that these things would not happen during their lifetime, but many years later, during yours. And now this Good News has been announced by those who preached to you in the power of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. **It is all so wonderful that even the angels are eagerly watching these things happen**

This incredible Salvation that Jesus Suffered So much to give to you, the Angels just stand in amazement at the Love of God towards you... "The Eagerly watch all this going on...sort of as Spectators..."

### **Hebrews 13**

3 Remember **the prisoners** as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—**since you yourselves are in the body also.**

While persecution for being a Christian may be unfamiliar to us in North America, this evil is widespread in many parts of the world.

**More Christians have been killed for their faith in the past 100 years than in all the centuries of Christianity combined.**

- ⊕ **A.M. Rosenthal recently wrote in The New York Times:** "There are *Eleven countries where Christians are currently enduring great religious persecution: China, Sudan, Pakistan, North Korea, Saudi Arabia, Vietnam, Egypt, Nigeria, Cuba, Laos, and Uzbekistan.*
- ⊕ **There is a worldwide trend of anti-Christian persecution** based on two political ideologies -- Communism and militant Islam."
- ⊕ **In Iran,** people who convert to Christianity are frequently killed by the government.
- ⊕ **In Iraq, Syria,** family members who kill a Christian convert are not punished, but rewarded

**The worst horrors are in Sudan.**

- ⊕ **A civil war** in the African Sudan has raged on and off since independence in 1956 between the Arab, Muslim north and the black Christians in the south.
- ⊕ **North Africa** has been working toward the Making Islam the Religion of the country.
- ⊕ **One-and-a-half million people have died over the past ten years** -- most the result of government imposed "*famines, warfare, and the displacement of millions of people from their homes.*"
- ⊕ **Food and medicine** are denied to those who refuse to convert to Islam.
- ⊕ **Men** and even children are crucified.
- ⊕ **Many women** are raped.
- ⊕ **Many women and children are enslaved.** They can be bought for as little as \$15.

In China, Christians have been beaten to death. They are frequently tortured and imprisoned for many years. Heavy fines and confiscation of property are also frequently employed.

### **Romans 12:5**

so **we, being many, are one body in Christ**, and individually **members of one another**.

### **1 Corinthians 12:26**

And **if one member suffers, all the members suffer** with it;

These Christians that suffer and died everyday in all of the other countries of the world, are you Brothers and Sisters, those that you will share eternity with. **WHEN THEY SUFFER AND DIED, WE SUFFER AND DIE...PRAY FOR THEM!**

*You can read about your Brother and Sisters around the world who suffer because they love Jesus at <http://persecution.org>*

### **Hebrews 13**

4 **Marriage is honorable** among all, and **the bed undefiled**; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

**This is particularly important for the days that we live in.**

- ☞ **In most of the centuries past**, marriage has been held in high honor.
- ☞ **This is not the case** today.
- ☞ **Hollywood** and the world at large places no such honor on marriage, choosing instead to live together without any commitment.
- ☞ **As a result** there are more people hurt, abused and killed for the sexual gratification of someone, than at any other time in history.

**Sex was created by the Lord for 2 purposes:**

1. To continue to human race.
2. For the enjoyment of a married man and woman.

We seem to have developed the idea that The Lord doesn't want for us to enjoy sex, but nothing could be further from the truth.

*‘Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled...’*

**Do you know what that means?**

- ☞ **For a married Man and Woman**, there is nothing that the two of you can choose to do together in your own bedroom that the Lord disapproves of.
- ☞ **With the condition** that it is mutually acceptable, and will not hurt either of you.

**The Only time that Sex is considered wrong, is when it is without the commitment of marriage for a lifetime.**

- ⊕ **Without the commitment** of a lifetime with someone, sex becomes manipulative, self serving and costly to the heart and minds of those who participate in it.
- ⊕ **The Lord was not trying** to take away the enjoyment of sex by forbidding it outside of marriage, **He was trying in His love to prevent the destructiveness of what sex can do without the commitment of marriage.**
- ⊕ **We see the results** of a **loose sexual society today**, upon the lives and hearts of people who choose that lifestyle.

**You are such a precious and highly regarded treasure to the Lord, He wants for you to experience all of the joy and fulfillment that this life He has given to you holds.**

- ⊕ **That is why He created marriage**, so that **in that environment**, you can really enjoy the love that you have for your husband or wife.

**Sexual Intimacy between a man and a woman who Love the Lord and are committed to Him and each other, is one of the most satisfying and fulfilling experiences of life.**

**Sex, outside of marriage brings guilt, because in our hearts we know that it is not right.**

- ⊕ **Without commitment**, people are used and abused and taken advantage of.
- ⊕ **It is never as satisfying** and fulfilling as that of a married man and woman.
- ⊕ **They did a survey among singles** and married couples and discovered that the married couples had more frequent, and more satisfying Intimacy than those without any commitment to each other.

All of You are a precious, precious vessels of honor made by the Lord for One very special person in your life.

- ⊕ **If you wait to experience the Intimacy of a sexual relationship until you have a commitment for life from someone, you will never regret it.**
- ⊕ **You are special**, a unique treasure among all of the other created things in the universe, keep yourself special and pure.

### **Hebrews 13**

5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

**We are a generation that has bought into the Sales Tactic that "More is More"**

- ⊕ **Every commercial**, every magazine is trying to get us to buy the newest, latest, biggest, smallest, greatest thing on the market.
- ⊕ **We can't wait for it**, so we charge it.

- ☞ **Long before we ever get it paid off**, we have grown tired of it, because the newest latest, smaller model has just come out.

King Solomon, the Bible describes as *“The wisest and most wealthy man that has ever lived...”*

- ☞ **Even by today’s Standards** of the **“Bill Gates”** of the world, Solomon was the Richest man that has ever lived.

Solomon Said:

### **Ecclesiastes 1:16**

I communed with my heart, saying, “Look, **I have attained greatness, and have gained more wisdom than all who were before me ....**”

### **Ecclesiastes 2:1-11**

1 I said to myself, “Come now, **let’s give pleasure a try**. Let’s look for the ‘good things’ in life.” But I found that **this, too, was meaningless**.

4 **I also tried to find meaning by building** huge homes for myself and by planting beautiful vineyards.

5 I made gardens and parks, filling them with all kinds of fruit trees.

6 I built reservoirs to collect the water to irrigate my many flourishing groves.

7 I bought slaves, both men and women, and others were born into my household. I also owned great herds and flocks, more than any of the kings who lived in Jerusalem before me.

8 **I collected great sums of silver and gold, the treasure of many kings** and provinces. **I hired wonderful singers**, both men and women, and **had many beautiful concubines**. **I had everything a man could desire!**

9 So **I became greater than any of the kings** who ruled in Jerusalem before me. And with it all, **I remained clear-eyed so that I could evaluate all these things**.

10 **Anything I wanted, I took. I did not restrain myself from any joy. I even found great pleasure in hard work**, an additional reward for all my labors.

11 **But as I looked at everything I had worked so hard to accomplish, it was all so meaningless. It was like chasing the wind. There was nothing really worthwhile anywhere.**

*We are the generation that “Chases The Wind”, and as a result of chasing the wind, we are Chasing our Tails.*

- ☞ We work so hard **to get what we cannot keep, to save and protect what will not last...**and we are missing those things that are Truly Precious and Lasting, OUR LORDS LOVE FOR US, OUR FAMILIES, OUR FRIENDS, AND THE SIMPLE, FEE THINGS OF LIFE.

### **Matthew 6:26**

Look at the birds of the air, for **they neither sow nor reap** nor gather into barns; **yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?**

### **Matthew 6:33**

But **seek first** the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

### **Hebrews 13**

6 So we may boldly say:

**“The LORD is my helper;**

**I will not fear.**

What can man do to me?”

Do you find that you are full of fear today of the things that COULD HAPPEN in your life, things YOU HAVE NO CONTROL OVER?

*“The Lord is your Helper...I will not fear,*

### **Philippians 4:19**

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

### **Hebrews 13**

7 Remember those who rule over you, who **have spoken the word of God to you**, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.




An encouragement to consider People like myself, who Live to see that you get blessed with everything that the Lord wants to give to you...

*“...Consider the outcome of MY Conduct...”*

### **James 3:1**

My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.

**Pastors and Teachers who deliver to you from the pulpit, The Word of God, are held to a higher degree of Examination by Jesus for**

-  Our Attitudes
-  Our Motivation
-  Our Actions

**Than everyone else, because we Study and Teach the Word of God, Jesus holds us accountable and expects us to also LIVE WHAT WE TEACH... And we are to have Hearts that are true and Pure towards you, Looking out for your best interests and not our own interests...**

### **Hebrews 13**

8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

This means to you this morning, **that the same Jesus that Created the Word in His Love, then Suffered and Died to Redeem his world and His Creation, is the same Jesus that lives today to Bless your life...HE DOES NOT CHANGE!**

### **Hebrews 13**

9 Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

We live in days that *“Everyone does what is right in their own eyes...”*

**But for us, that Love Jesus, the basis for everything we think, Believe, Say and Do, is ONLY the Word of God.**

### **2 Peter 1:3**

As we know Jesus better, his divine power gives us everything we need for living a godly life. He has called us to receive his own glory and goodness!

- ☞ **So when someone comes along** with a particular Doctrine about Jesus of something else, we can go to the Bible to check it out to see if what they are saying is really true.
- ☞ **If it doesn't agree** with Scripture we just throw it out.
- ☞ **As a result**, we are not carried away, as verse 9 says: “...with various and strange doctrines...”

When Paul was teaching in Berea, it says in Acts 17, that the believers there went and compared everything He taught with the Scriptures to see if Paul was teaching the truth...

### **Acts 17:11**

These in Berea were more open minded than those in Thessalonica, in that **they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so**

You should be checking out everything I say to you here from the pulpit to see if it lines up with the Bible, If it doesn't, you are to confront me with it.

### **Hebrews 13**

10 We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat.

11 For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp.

12 Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

13 Therefore **let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach.**

One of the incredible things that we learn about Jesus, is that He is The God of the Universe, He Created everything that Exists, He gave us a Free will to choose to love Him or Reject Him

- ☞ **When we were totally lost**, at the worst moment of our life, that is when Jesus was dying for us on the Cross.
- ☞ **Jesus gave up literally everything** to humble Himself and become a man like us, so that He could stand in our place, and Die for us.

**Imagine what it was Like for the God of the universe to become just a man like us, how far He had to lower Himself, to get to where we are!**

Would you be willing to become an “Ant” to die for all of the ants of the world?

**And yet...The step that Jesus took to become One of Us, was far Lower than it would be for us to become an Ant, and yet he was willing to do this for you!**

- ☞ **Verses 10-13** speak of the fact that when they would offer the Sacrifice of the Animals of the Old Testament for a persons sin, that they took the animal outside of the gates of the city.
- ☞ **Everything outside the gates of the city** was considered “A *Reproach*”, A **Reproach is to Bring Disgrace upon someone...**

Jesus became our Disgrace, Jesus became our Reproach, He suffered outside of the City for us, and took upon Himself all the filth and failures of our life, so that this morning you could be PERFECT In His eyes!

### **Hebrews 13**

14 For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

This earth is not our home, it is just a temporary place that we live, for when Jesus comes for us, our real home that is in heaven is where we are REALLY going to live.

**This is not living down here, this is like living in a Garbage Dump compared to what is going on up there!**

### **Hebrews 13**

15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

**So, while we are here, this short time that remains, We want to make our life really count for Jesus, Because He gave so much for us.**

- ☞ **We want our lives** to be **Living Sacrifices**.
- ☞ **We want the things** that come from our lips to be **Sacrifices of Praise** to Him.

- ☞ **We want to continually** be in an attitude of **THANKFULNESS to Jesus**, and show that thankfulness by living a life that Blesses Him and Pleases Him.

16 But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

**There is nothing that we have that the Lord Himself has given to us, so because it doesn't belong to us, it belongs to Jesus, we should share it with other believers.**

### Story of my Drums...

This verse also teaches us one of the most important things you will learn after you give your life to Jesus:

- ☞ **Every micro second of your life** is under Jesus power and control.
- ☞ **Nothing happens** in any second of your day that Jesus did not bring, whether good or bad.
- ☞ **We know first of all** that Jesus really loves us, because He has given His life for us.
- ☞ **Everything Jesus does** Is always Good, Loving and Kind...
- ☞ **So with His love in our mind**, we know that even things that might seem wrong, or are hard or painful or difficult to understand, it was FILTERED THROUGH HIS LOVE FOR US.

**So we say** *“Jesus I don't understand this thing that is happening, but I Know You Jesus, and that your love for me was so great that it Compelled you to Leave Heaven for me and Die a Horrible Death for me...”*

*“...So Jesus, I am going to Keep Loving You and Trusting you through this, because I know you have my best interests at Your Heart...”*

### **Romans 8:28**

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

### **Hebrews 13** Paul's Closing Remarks here in The Book of Hebrews

18 **Pray for us**; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things **desiring to live honorably**.

19 But **I especially urge you to do this**, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

20 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

21 **make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you** what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

22 And I appeal to you, brethren, **bear with the word of exhortation**, for I have written to you in few words.

23 Know that our brother Timothy has been set free, with whom I shall see you if he comes shortly.

24 Greet all those who rule over you, and all the saints. Those from Italy greet you.

25 Grace be with you all. Amen.

Next Sunday we Begin the **Book of James**, How to deal with Trials, How to get Wisdom, Dealing with Temptations, How to control our mouth, How to live a Fulfilling Life...