

Camp - cont.

- With respect to their daily sacrifice, he wanted them to worship God, not the idols of this world like others do (vv. 15-16).

Through him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of lips which make confession to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

- With respect to their submission, he wanted them to obey the elders, not be rebellious like others do (v. 17).

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit to them: for they watch in behalf of your souls, as they that shall give account; that they may do this with joy, and not with grief: for this were unprofitable for you.

We can be a part of the “in crowd,” or we can be a part of God’s people who “go forth without the camp” to be with Jesus (Luke 6:22-23; 1 Corinthians 4:13). Brethren, we must always remember to “Come out and be separate says the Lord” (2 Corinthians 6:17). “Come out” from the world and “go forth” to Jesus!

- Chris Reeves -

- Word of the Week -

“Love” (Gr. ἀγάπη), as a noun, is an emotion or affection that seeks to sacrifice and serve for another person. This attitude of love also causes one to show benevolence or charity to others. “Love”, found many times in the New Testament, seeks to esteem or show preference for other persons and show acts of kindness toward them. Let’s go out this week and truly love our neighbor (Romans 13:9-10), our brethren (Hebrews 13:1), our spouse (Ephesians 5:28), and our God (Matthew 22:37). Let the love of God be in us.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Go Forth Unto Him Without the Camp

We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat that serve the tabernacle. For the bodies of those beasts whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest as an offering for sin, are burned without the camp. Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people through his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us therefore go forth unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.
- Hebrews 13:10-13 -

The author of Hebrews encourages Christians to be willing to “go forth” to Jesus and be willing to identify with Jesus and suffer for him. Jesus “suffered without the gate” when he was crucified outside of Jerusalem. In the same way, Christians need to be willing to go forth “without the gate”. They need to be willing to leave others around them and go out and be different and suffer for the Lord.

There are several passages in the New Testament that teach that we as Christians need to be different from the world. We live in the world, but we are not to act like the world around us. Here are four:

I pray not that thou should take them from the world, but that thou should keep them from the evil one. They are

not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth: thy word is truth. As thou didst send me into the world, even so sent I them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.
- John 17:15-19 -

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service. ² And be not fashioned according to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
- Romans 12:1-2 -

Beloved, I beseech you as sojourners and pilgrims, to abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having your behavior seemly among the Gentiles; that, wherein they speak against you as evil-doers, they may by your good works, which they behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.
- 1 Peter 2:11-12 -

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
- 1 John 2:15-16 -

The author of Hebrews wanted Christians to be different and leave the sinful

world around them. He wanted them to be different:

- With respect to their doctrine, he wanted them to believe God’s truth, not error like others do (vv. 7-9).

Remember them that had the rule over you, men that spoke unto you the word of God; and considering the issue of their life, imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and to-day, yea and for ever. Be not carried away by divers and strange teachings: for it is good that the heart be established by grace; not by meats, wherein they that occupied themselves were not profited.

- With respect to their sin offering, he wanted them to let Jesus’ blood cleanse them, not worldly philosophies like others do (vv. 10-13).

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- With respect to their citizenship, he wanted them seek heaven, not the things of this earth like others do (v. 14).

For we have not here an abiding city, but we seek after the city which is to come - continued