

PROUDLY BEARING HIS DISGRACE ~ Hebrews 13:7-14

→ Scripture Reading Hebrews 13:7-14

JESUS NEVER CHANGES ~ Hebrews 13:7-9

[7] Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. [8] Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. [9] Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by ceremonial foods, which are of no value to those who eat them.

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Colossians 2:23 (NIV) Such regulations indeed have an APPEARANCE of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.

Divine grace and not meaningless rules about food provides the spiritual strength needed for walking along the path of obedience in the Christian life. Holman NT Com

James 4:6 (NIV) But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "**God OPPOSES the proud** but gives grace to the humble."

Saving Grace - Forgiveness of our Sins once for all

Sustaining Grace - ongoing Daily Strength to face Trials and Difficulties

SO HOW ARE WE STRENGTHENED BY GRACE?

- TURNING AWAY from our own Pride and Arrogance
- SUBMITTING our plans and Will to God
- HUMBLY ASKING God for His Grace

HE GIVETH MORE GRACE by: Annie Johnson Flint)

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater;
He sendeth more grace when the labors increase;
To added afflictions He addeth His mercy,
To multiplied trials His multiplied peace.

His love has no limits, His grace has no measure,
His power has no boundary known unto men;
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus,
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again.

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done:
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,
Our Father's full giving is only begun.

DAY OF ATONEMENT VS. FINAL ATONEMENT ~ Hebrews 13:10-14

[10] We have an altar from which those who minister at the tabernacle have no right to eat. [11] The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp. [12] And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. [13] Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. [14] For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.

TAKE AWAY ??

→ Picture of Temple Complex

→ Picture of Temple with ALTAR out Front

The great brazen altar, in the Temple court still beckoned to the Hebrew Christians. But no matter how attractive the symbol was ...the Christian should have no part in that altar. It was OBSOLETE. To go on offering the blood of bulls and goats to God, after the shedding of Christ's blood was an insult. JBP

→ Picture of Temple Mount and Calvary

"...I simply argue that the cross be raised again at the center of the market place as well as on the steeple of the church. I want to say clearly that Jesus was not crucified in a cathedral between two candles, but on a cross between two thieves; on the town garbage heap; at a crossroad so international that they had to write His title in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek ...at the kind of place where cynics talk smut, thieves curse, and soldiers gamble. Because that is where Jesus died. And that is what He died about."

(DeWeese pg. 35)

→ Picture of Calvary and Heb. 13:13

Hebrews 12:2 (NIV) Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for **the joy set before him ENDURED the cross, SCORNING its SHAME**, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.