

OUTSIDE THE CAMP

Hebrews 13:9-14

Important descriptions of true believers...

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(v 8 – Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.)

Col 2:8 - See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.

Eph 4:14 - ...we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming...

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Eph 2:8 - For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

Heb 4:16 - Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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Heb 9:10 - (externals) relate only to food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed UNTIL a time of reformation.

Rom 14:17 - for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

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9...through which those who were so occupied were not benefited.

1 Cor 8:8 - But food will not commend us to God; we are neither the worse if we do not eat, nor the better if we do eat.

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(See Lev 16:27 – the *Day of Atonement*)

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

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11 For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest as an offering for sin, are burned outside the camp.

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

John 19:17–20 - They took Jesus, therefore, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha...20...the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city...

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13 So, let US go OUT to Him OUTSIDE the camp, bearing His reproach.

Heb 12:2 - for the joy set before Him (Jesus) endured the cross, despising the shame...

Heb 11:24–25 - By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to endure ill treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin.

Matt 10:38 - And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

III. WE ARE PILGRIMS

14 For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city which is to come.

Heb 12:26–27 - now He has promised, saying, “YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN.” 27 This expression, “Yet once more,” denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

Heb 11:1 tells us - Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Mark 8:36 - For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?

Rom 10:9 - confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved...