

YPG II

Text: Hebrews 13:8-16

Title: "The heart be established by grace"

PROBLEMS OF THE HEART

1. The heart as described in the book of Hebrews
 - a. It can become hardened (Hebrews 3:8)
 - b. Our heart can go astray (Hebrews 3:10)
 - c. It can become evil with unbelief (Hebrews 3:12)
2. An additional problem of the heart is raised
 - a. The heart can be affected by strange and various doctrines
 - b. They can cause the heart to waver and be unsteady

THE ANSWER TO THESE PROBLEMS

"For it good that the heart be established by grace" Hebrews 13:9

1. The heart needs to be established
 - a. Strengthened
 - b. Developed
 - c. Made steadfast
2. Church leadership is put into perspective (Hebrews 13:7,17)
 - a. Our leaders play an important role in helping us to become established
 - b. They are specially highlighted and mentioned ("remember those who rule over you")
 - c. They watch out for our souls
 - d. We are challenged to submit and to obey them
3. With their help, we can become established
 - a. In Christ
 - i. We are reminded to focus on the Lord Jesus
 - ii. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever
 - b. By grace
 - i. The Lord Jesus is One who is full of grace
 - ii. He gives to us His grace
 - iii. Grace for salvation and sanctification from our sins
 - iv. Grace to help us in our time of need (Hebrews 4:16)

BEING ESTABLISHED IN OUR HEARTS

1. We seek to be identified with the Lord Jesus

“Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach” Hebrews 13:13

- a. Departing from those who are false and unprofitable
- b. Going forth to the Lord Jesus
- c. Identifying with the Lord Jesus even though we may suffer reproach

2. We seek to be well-pleasing to God

“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” Hebrews 13:15

“But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased” Hebrews 13:16

- a. Continually offering praise to God
 - i. Giving thanks to His name
 - ii. It is the fruit that comes from a heart that has been established and set aright
- b. Doing good and sharing
 - i. Not forgetting how we act towards others
 - ii. Not only our words, but our actions are involved as well

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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 Hebrews 13:15