

Hebrews 13:9-14
Outside the Camp

The same Jesus ...

- I. Our Source of Stability
 - A. The Living Christ

 - B. Unmerited Grace

- II. Our Sanctifying Sacrifice
 - A. Outside the Gate

 - B. A Holy Nation

- III. Our Share in Suffering
 - A. Associated with the Savior

 - B. Enduring Reproach

... and His City.

Children, Listen ...

1. What are the two big sections of the Bible called?

2. Is it important for Christians to know as much as they can about both?

3. Were the Old Testament sacrifices able to save people from their sins?

4. Who gave Himself as the only sacrifice that could take away sins?

Old Truth New Truth and You

Our passage addresses massive theological truths that span the history of redemption as well as personal implications for those who hold to true faith in Christ. But the message and the wording is almost nonsensical without some understanding of the Old Testament. As Augustine wrote: "The New Testament lies hidden in the Old and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New." Altars, tents, priests, slaughtered and burnt animals, holy places, etc. were all part of the Old Covenant, but are foreign to New Testament faith and worship. The fact of the matter is, all of those things in some way or another pointed to the coming of Jesus Christ as Savior – and the point the author is making is that believers should go to Him. The passage will take some unpacking, but as always, we are exhorted to look to Jesus and to remember a threefold formula already familiar in Hebrews: Our confidence is in Christ – association with Him may bring us reproach – but saints always have in sight God's everlasting city still to come!