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Sermon Notes

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#17 in the Series on the Book of Hebrews

1. The Christian graces (vv. 1-6)

- a. Love [Strong's #G5360 "philadelphia"] 81 "one another's" in the NT alone.
 - i. <u>Jn. 13:34-35</u>, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
 - ii. Acts 4:32, "Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common."
 - iii. <u>1 Jn. 4:20-21</u>, "If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also."
- b. **Hospitality** [Strong's #G5382 "philosxenos"]. Hospitality simply means making other people feel comfortable and at home; no matter how big, how clean, or how good the meal. Xenophobia as expressed through some of our discussions on immigration has become a permissible form of bigotry. Hospitality is defined as a "cordial and generous reception of or disposition toward guests; an instance of cordial and generous treatment of guests."
 - i. Scriptures
 - 1. Abraham (cf. Gen. 18:1)
 - 2. Mt. 25:40, "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."
 - 3. Rom. 12:13, "... given to hospitality."
 - 4. 1 Pet. 4:9, "Be hospitable to one another without grumbling."
 - 5. Acts 17:26-27, "And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;"
 - ii. We show hospitality when:
 - 1. we accommodate: we can do this by providing a comfortable place for someone/others.
 - 2. we are affable: this means, "gentle and gracious".
 - 3. we are amiable: this can be accomplished by simply being friendly and agreeable!
 - 4. we are cheerful: I love how the dictionary describes this one! "Promoting a feeling of cheer; pleasant: a cozy, cheerful room." Isn't that lovely?!
 - 5. we serve as companions: this is just being there, sisters! Just holding a hand, listening quietly, or sharing in conversation with another or others.
 - 6. we are considerate: caring about those God sends our way. Showing concern for their feelings.
 - 7. we are cordial: being warm and sincere can go a long way...

- 8. we entertain: feed, have/invite guests and/or visitors over for company, nourish, treat, and welcome.
- 9. we are friendly: warm and comforting. Isn't it nice to see how many of these things are the same or quite similar?
- 10. we show generosity: serving with in goodness, from the heart, in kindness, liberally, magnificently, with nobleness, in readiness, in in spirit, and unselfishly
- 11. we are in good fellowship: another one on just being there... joining with someone else or others and sharing time.
- c. **Compassion** [Strong's #G1653 " $elee\bar{o}$ "]; remember them as if you were chained with them. Feel deep compassion, remember them in our prayers, and remember them, as far as practicable, with aid for their relief.
- d. Marriage [Strong's #1062 "gamos"]

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- i. Marriage is the paradigm through which we interpret God's love for the Church.
 - 1. Mt. 22:2, "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son,"
 - 2. <u>2 Cor. 11:2-3</u>, " For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ."
 - 3. Eph. 6:17, "And take... the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."
 - 4. <u>Eccl. 4:12</u>, "Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken."
- ii. Marriage is honorable as opposed to celibacy. Mt. 19:11-12, "All cannot accept this saying, but only those to whom it has been given: For there are eunuchs who were born thus from their mother's womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He who is able to accept it, let him accept it."
- iii. Marriage is honorable as opposed to adultery or fornication. <u>Dt. 17:17</u>, "Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself."
 - 1. "Why sex?"
- iv. The writer underlines that the marriage bed is blessed, attesting to God's purpose and pleasure in the sexual realm. Just a perusal of the *Song of Solomon* is evocative, sex is good within the parameters God intended. It is the abuse of God's blessings outside of God's laws that defines most sin. God must be in center of marriage <u>Song of Songs 8:4</u>, "I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, do not stir up nor awaken love until it pleases."
- e. **Contentment** [Strong's #714 "*arkeō*"]. Expresses the idea of raising a barrier or to ward off or to avail; figuratively be satisfactory, be content, be enough, suffice, or be sufficient.
 - i. The destructiveness of covetousness.
 - 1. <u>Ex. 20:17</u>, "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."
 - 2. <u>Dt. 17:17</u>, "Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself."

- 3. <u>Luke 8:14</u>, "Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity."
- 4. <u>Luke 12:15</u>, "And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.""
- 5. <u>Luke 16:13-14</u>, ""No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him."
- ii. The protective of barriers of contentment.
 - 1. Mt. 6:25-26, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"
 - 2. Phil. 4:11-13, "Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
 - 3. <u>1 Tim. 6:6-12</u>, "Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith..."
- 2. Church leaders (vv. 7-9, 17)
 - a. On the part of the **Body**
 - i. To obey

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- ii. To be submissive
- b. On the part of the **leaders**; <u>Ps. 23:1-6</u>, "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; ,my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."
 - i. Teach the good doctrine; <u>Is. 53:6</u>, "All we like sheep have gone astray..."
 - 1. Danger of legalism
 - 2. Swearing by the gold in the temple
 - ii. Watch out for the souls; Acts 20:28-31, "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking

- perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears."
- iii. Give an account; <u>James 3:1</u>, "My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment."
- c. We have no central city like Jerusalem
- 3. Our Sacrifices (vv. 10-16)

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- a. Our God is a consuming fire.
- b. Of our **person**; bearing His reproach. (cf. Rom. 12:1, "...living sacrifices...")
 - i. Go outside the camp, which today is the entire religious system that teaches salvation by works, by character, by ritual, or by ordinances. It is the modern church system with its humanly ordained priesthood, its material aids to worship, and its ceremonial trappings. It is corrupt Christendom, a church without Christ.
 - ii. <u>1 Cor. 4:9-10</u>, "...for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake..."
 - iii. <u>Luke 6:22</u>, "Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake."
 - iv. <u>1 Pet. 4:14-15</u>, "If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter."
- c. Of our **praise**, the fruit of our lips. Only the redeemed can truly praise Him.
 - i. <u>Ps. 69:30-31</u>, "I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving. This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bull, which has horns and hooves."
 - ii. <u>Is. 12:1-3</u>, "And in that day you will say: "O LORD, I will praise You; Though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; 'For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation."

 Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation."
- d. Of our **possessions**
 - i. <u>Gal. 3:10</u>, "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith."
 - ii. <u>Luke 6:35</u>, "But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil."
 - iii. Micah 6:8, "He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."
- 4. Closing (vv. 18-25)
 - a. Pray for us
 - b. Restored to you
 - c. The benediction
 - i. Peace (cf. Rom 5:1, Phil. 4:7)
 - ii. The Great Shepherd (cf. Jn. 10:11, Heb. 13:20, 1 Pet. 5:4)
 - 1. Gave His life for His sheep
 - 2. Rose from the dead to eternal life offering redemption to all by grace through faith



- 3. Coming again with rewards
- iii. The everlasting covenant as opposed to the early provisional one of the OT
- iv. That they may be made and equipped...
 - 1. To do His will
 - 2. To be made pleasing in His sight
- v. Jesus specifically is to receive glory forever
- vi. A 2,000-pound, 29-by-15-foot rendition of Michelangelo's "Hand of God" from the Sistine Chapel, incorporating 12,090 cubes by Josh Chalom.
- d. Heed the exhortations of the letter
- e. Timothy has been set free!
- f. Greetings to all; common courtesies of the Christian graces
- g. From the saints in Italy
- h. The letter that treats so clearly the question of the new covenant ends on a note of "*Grace be with you all!*"