"Being Content"

Intro: Having entered into the 13th chapter of Hebrews we are learning how we who have _______ _____ Christ ________ are to live as we entrust ourselves to Him. Having come to the Christian faith and fixing our eyes on Jesus, our lives are to be qualitatively superior as compared to the life we once _______ .

A. How are the people of the faith to live? What qualities does faith work in the believer? We are to: let the _______ of the brethren continue, show hospitality to strangers, _________ for the imprisoned and ill-treated, let marriage be held in ___________, keep the marriage bed undefiled putting off fornication and adultery. These are manifestations ___ ________!

B. Today as we have come to study the 5th & 6th verses of Hebrews 13 we also learn that as a people who trust in Christ we are to _____ off the love of money by putting ___ contentment in ___________.

I. We who live by _________ in Christ are to let our ___________________ be free from the love of money.

A. The Bible says, Exodus 20:17, "You shall _____ _________ your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor." Psalm 10:3 says, "For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire, And the greedy man curses and spurns the Lord." And it was the psalmist's cry, Psalm 119:36 (KJV), "Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and _____ to __________ousness."

1. This is a most ___________ _______ before the Lord! In the church the faithlessness of covetousness is an issue that disqualifies those who would be leaders and makes professing believers worthy of church discipline and ultimately, excommunication!

B. And beloved, let us understand that this issue of covetousness is an ____________ ___ issue as there is no middle ground! As Ephesians 5:5 states, a covetous man is an idolater! Such a covetous man has other gods before the One True God! Luke 16:13 says, "_______ _______ __________ ___ masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

C. Idolatry as reveal through covetousness is an issue of ______ _______ before God, of our lack of appreciation for God, of our failing to treasure God. Let each man examine himself to see if he is of the faith for judgment begins in the house of the Lord! _______ ___________ God, treasuring His righteousness as revealed in His dealings with you?
II. We are to possess the character of contentment, __________ __________ with what we have.

A. To be content is to be satisfied. We are to be __________ with what we have, counting it as sufficient! We are to let our character be free from dissatisfaction, being satisfied ______ what we have as given us from ______.

B. Be content with what ______ ______! And believer, what do you have? Amen! You have Christ ______ the Prince of Peace “for He Himself has said, ‘I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,’”

1. Your Lord promised to never ______ you! He will never send you away! He will never let you go! He will never relax in watching over you! He will __________ dismiss you! He will never neglect you!

2. And He promised to never __________ you! He will not leave you behind! He will not separate Himself from you! He will __________ abandon you! Indeed, you have His solemn Word of Promise! Believe!

C. __________ __________, “I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,” “________ confidently ______, ‘The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What shall man do to me?’”

1. The Lord is our _________! He is a very present help in the time of trouble!

2. Based upon the Word of His promise we say with great unshakable confidence: “I will ______ be ______.” Amen! “The Lord is our light and our salvation; Whom shall we fear? The _______ the defense of ______ _______; Whom shall we dread?” (cf. Ps 27:1).

3. And so with contentment we declare, “_______ shall ______ do to me__”

Conclusion: Those who are of the _________, who run the race with their eyes fixed on Jesus are content with Him, trusting __________ alone as the one and only Savior. Such a one has no confidence in money for they know that money has not saving capacity.

The Christians statement of faith then is this: “Because My Savior and Lord promised that He would never desert me, nor ever forsake me, and believing Him at His word I confidently confess that ‘the Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What shall man do to me?’ By faith ______ I am __________ in Him alone.”

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