“Jesus ... Suffered Outside the Gate”

Intro: Having instructed us to run the race of the Christian life with our God-granted __________ fixed on Jesus, the Author is teaching us what the _______ of faith looks like in thought and practice.

A. With the Author encouraging us to continue in the faith we read last Lord’s Day as we were exhorted to consider those who led us in the truth of God’s Word, both in the word they spoke and the life they lived, and to imitate their faith knowing that as __________ ________ _________ that He will keep us, Him being the same yesterday, today, yes and forever.

B. Men will try to carry us away from the faith through varied and strange teachings but we are to stand fast for as __________ is eternally the same so is His Word ________________!

C. This __________ us as believers to another place of _________ and tribulation for when errant teachers seek to press their erroneous doctrines upon us and we refuse to yield they will attack desiring to censure us, persecuting us as did the believing Hebrews’ own unbelieving countrymen.

D. To encourage us in the faith by ________________ our hearts in the words of God’s grace this morning’s text speaks of the altar that is ours, the ________________ and benefit of that altar, and our place at the altar.

I. ____ have an ________!

A. Our __________ is __________ ________ of Jesus Christ where outside the gates of Jerusalem He made the atoning sacrifice.
   1. Those who are ____ ____ the ________ that is in Christ do not partake at the altar of the cross for they do not trust Jesus and are ______________. Christ and His benefits do not belong to them.

B. The priests of Old were forbidden to eat (benefit from) the _____ _______________ of the Day of Atonement as the sacrificed animals were to be taken outside the camp and burned, with the Lord alone consuming that sacrifice.
   1. Those who serve the tabernacle under the system of the ______
      Covenant ____________ partake of Christ!

C. Jesus, who is given for _____ salvation suffered outside the gate on the altar of the cross being the __________ _________ offered up for us, a sweet smelling savor acceptable unto God, the sin sacrifice offered and ____________ by God!
1. Thanks be to God for Jesus suffered the wrath of God outside the gate, outside the House of Judaism, outside the place of endless non-redeeming ceremony, tradition, works and sacrifice, outside where His blood flowed freely for all who ______ outside of tradition, ceremony and works ______ ______ of the cross in faith believing.

D. While those inside the gates of Judaism are constantly trying to sanctify themselves through endless washings and ceremonies, perfect law-keeping and continuous sacrifices, it is ______ who ________ His people by grace from start to finish, and that through the perfect work of His suffering on the altar of the cross outside the camp!

1. He sanctifies us through the sacrifice of ______ own ________!

2. Here is our altar, the one where the ______ of Christ poured out: the cross! And at this terrible and awful altar is found the all-sufficient sacrifice by which we gain this great benefit: our ______! It is no wonder that our hearts are strengthened by grace!

II. Because we have an altar where our sanctification was purchased through the sacrificial sin-offering of Himself, let us then ______ ______ ______ outside the camp of false religion to the place where the true altar of the cross is, gladly bearing His shame and reproach.

A. ______ very often ______ the one who goes with Jesus to live outside the camp of institutionalized establishment religion.

B. We have ______ in going outside the camp of the religion of works for though we be persecuted, our time here is only temporal. It is the eternal city of ______ which is to come that _______. And until He comes again we who are of faith in Christ confidently say, "The Lord is my Helper. I shall not fear. What can man do to me? For He has said, 'I will never leave you, nor forsake you!'"

Closing: Beloved, we have an altar: it is ______ ______ of Christ’s sacrifice through which He saves us who ________. Let us go outside the camp of false religious and worldly desire to live and suffer with Him.

And if persecution comes our way, let us ________, for by His own promise our Loving Lord is with us. And soon, He will receive us unto Himself that where He is we may be also, in the Eternal and Heavenly City.

Though in this world we live outside the gates of the city, in the City to come we enter through the narrow gate to ______ the Christ who is radiant and ever shining Light of that City. Come quickly Lord ________, come quickly!

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