

HEBREWS, THE CONCLUSION

Hebrews 13:20-25

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Paul begins the conclusion of his letter to the Hebrews by emphasizing prayer.
 - 1) *"Pray for us"* vs 18
 - 2) *"that I may be restored to you the sooner"* vs 19
 - B. He also includes his prayer for them
 - 1) Paul was a man of prayer vs 20-21
 - 2) He knew the source of all things
 - C. He also includes pleadings and general information
 - 1) *"suffer the word of exhortation"* vs 22
 - 2) *"salute them that have the rule over you"* vs 24
 - 3) *"Timothy is set at liberty"* vs 23
- I. Paul's Prayer For The Hebrews vs 25
- A. *"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus..."* vs 25
 - 1) "May God, the source of all peace" TENT
 - 2) "Who has raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead" KNOX
 - B. *"...that great shepherd of the sheep."*
 - 1) *John 10:11* - "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."
 - 2) *I Peter 5:1-4*
 - 3) *Isaiah 40:9-11*
 - C. *"...through the blood of the everlasting covenant."*
 - 1) "With the blood of an eternal covenant" ASV
 - 2) "Through the blood by which he ratified the everlasting agreement" GSPD
 - D. *"Make you perfect in every good work to do his will..."* vs 21
 - 1) "perfect" = καταρτιζω = "to make fully ready", "put in order", "perfectly equip", "prepare fully"

- 2) "Furnish you with everything that is good for the doing of his will" MOF
- 3) It is God who equips us to serve Him

E. "...working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight..."

- 1) "working" = εργον = "that which is brought into being or is accomplished by labor"
- 2) "Effecting in us that which is pleasing in his sight"
- 3) He works in us that which gives Him pleasure, not that which gives us pleasure.

F. "...through Jesus Christ;..."

- 1) "Through the power of Christ" TAY
- 2) "By Jesus Christ" CON

G. "...to whom be glory for ever and ever." Amen

- 1) "Glory be to Him for ever and ever! Amen!" NOR
- 2) "To whom glory belongs throughout all ages. Amen"

II. Paul's Last Plea vs 22

A. "And I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation..." vs 22

- 1) "beseech" = παρακαλεω = "to call to one's side"
- 2) "suffer" = ανεχομαι = "to hold one's self upright", "bear up", "hold out", "endure"
- 3) "exhortation" = παρακλησις = "a summons to one's side", "a calling near"
- 4) "I urge you, fellow Christians, listen patiently to what I say to encourage you" BECK

B. "...for I have written a letter unto you in few words."

- 1) "few" = δια = "through", "by means of", "short", "of number few", "brief"
- 2) "For I have written you only a short letter"

C. *"Know ye that our brother Timothy is set at liberty..."vs 23*

- 1) *"liberty"* = απολυω = "to release", "to release from custody those who are in prison"
- 2) *"You know that our brother Timothy has been set free"*

D. *"...with whom, if he comes shortly, I will see you."*

- 1) *"Along with him if he comes soon, I will see you"*
- 2) *"If he comes here soon we will visit you together"* TENT

E. *"Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints."* vs 24

- 1) *"salute"* = ασπαζομαι = "to draw to one's self", "to embrace"
- 2) *"rule"* = ηγεομαι = "to lead", "lead the way", "to go first"
- 3) *"saints"* = αγιοι = "holy ones", "the ones who have been made holy by God"

F. *"They of Italy salute you"*

- 1) *"Those who come from Italy send you greetings"* RSV
- 2) *"The Christians of Italy send their greetings"* PHI

III. *What We All Need* vs 25

A. *"Grace be with you all. Amen"* vs 25

- 1) *"grace"* = χαρις = "favour", "friendly willingness", "a kind disposition"
- 2) *"God's blessings be with all of you"*
- 3) *"My God's tender care be with you"*

B. *This is our greatest need*

- 1) *It is not discussed*
- 2) *It is not invoked*
- 3) *It is not displayed*

