

## A PLEA FOR STEADFASTNESS

*Hebrews 13:7-9*

## INTRODUCTION:

A. We should be contented with what is present and not continually want more.

- 1) Don't live a covetous life style
- 2) Be content with what you have

B. We can depend upon God to help us

- 1) He will never leave us
- 2) He will never forsake us
- 3) We can boldly proclaim His promise
- 4) We must not fear men

C. God has provided them with examples of those who have been steadfast.

- 1) Their teachers who have died
- 2) Jesus Christ, the changeless One

## I. Examples From The Past

A. *"Remember them which have the rule over you..." vs 7*

- 1) "remember" = μνημονεω = "to hold in one's memory"
- 2) "rule" = ηγεομαι = "to lead", "lead the way", "go first", "be a leader", "chief"
- 3) "Keep in your mind the one's who were your guides..."

B. *"...who have spoken unto you the word of God..."*

- 1) "spoken" = λαλεω = "to use the human voice"
- 2) "word" = λογος = "the spoken word"
- 3) These were men who taught them the message that God had spoken.

C. *"...whose faith follow..."*

- 1) "faith" = πιστις = "firm persuasion"
- 2) "follow" = μιμεομαι = "to mimic", "follow as an example"

## D. "...considering the end of their conversation."

- 1) "considering" = αναθεωρω = "to look back upon", "to scan closely", "to look carefully on"
- 2) "end" = εκβασις = "going out", "away out"
- 3) "conversation" = αναστροφη = "way of life"
- 4) "Observe closely how they lived and died and use them as your example."

## II. Jesus, Their Eternal Example And Helper

## A. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

- 1) "same" = αυτος = "the selfsame"
- 2) "yesterday" = χθες
- 3) "today" = σημερον = "this day"
- 4) "forever" = εις = "unto" αιων = "age" with the article, "unto the age"

## B. Jesus Christ is eternally unchanging

- 1) He will always be there to help
- 2) His character will never change

## C. These Christians must look to Him

- 1) See His manner of life
- 2) See His manner of death
- 3) Imitate and follow His example

## III. The Danger They Faced vs 9

A. "Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines..."  
vs 9a

- 1) "carried" = παραφερομαι = "to be borne about", "to lead away"
- 2) "divers" = ποικιλος = "variegated", "many colored", "changing colors"
- 3) "strange" = ξενος = "not of one's family", "foreign, as coming from another country"

4) "doctrine" = διδαχη = "teaching"

5) "Be not moved from your moorings by all sorts of strange teachings" BER

B. "...for it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace;..." vs 9b

1) "good" = καλος = "it is beneficial", "well fitted", "worthy of recognition"

2) "established" = βεβαιωω = "to make steadfast", "make remain in place", "immoveable"

3) "grace" = χαρις = "a kind, affectionate, pleasing nature", "friendly willingness"

4) "For the beneficial thing is that our hearts be steadied by God strengthening us."

C. "...not with meats,..."

1) "meats" = βρωμα = "whatever is eaten"

2) "And not on rules of diet" PHI

3) The heart cannot be made richer and kinder and more like God by keeping dietary laws.

D. "...which have not profited them that have been occupied therein."

1) "profited" = ωφελεω = "to convey benefit", "to be helped"

2) "occupied" = περιπατω = "to walk about", "be walking"

3) "These laws have not been beneficial to those people who walked in them."

