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Hebrews Supremacy of Christ Applied

Jesus is Absolutely Supreme!

The first characteristic of a life where Jesus is supreme is love.

Hebrews 1:1

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

1 Peter 3:8

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

Hebrews 13:2

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Every apostle who comes to you should be welcomed as the Lord, but his is not to stay more than a day, or two days if it is really necessary. If he stays for three days, he is a false prophet. And an apostle at his departure should accept nothing but as much provisions as will last him to the next night's lodging. If he asks for money, he is a false prophet.

Hebrews 13:3,16

Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Love: Love always sacrificial.

The second characteristic of a life where Jesus is supreme is purity.

Hebrews 13:4

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

Galatians 6:7

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

Purity: Sin carries consequences.

The third characteristic of a life where Jesus is supreme is contentment.

Hebrews 13:5-6

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

Contentment: The believer will always have what matters most.

The fourth characteristic of a life where Jesus is supreme is leadership.

Leadership: Respect godly leaders, but don't worship them.

Hebrews 13:7

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

Hebrews 13:17-18

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things.

Acts 20:28-31

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert....

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Worship Jesus alone. He will never disappoint.

The fifth characteristic of a life where Jesus is supreme is praise.

The object of our praise is always Jesus.

Hebrews 13:12-15

So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

How to Live a Heavenly Life on Earth

...O the sinful folly of many of the saints, who drench their spirits in continual sadness and waste their days in complaints and groans and so make themselves, both in body and mind unfit for this sweet and heavenly work [called praise].

Praising God is the work of angels and saints in heaven and will be our own everlasting work; and if we were more in it now, we should be liker to what we shall be then . . . The liveliest emblem of heaven that I know upon earth is when the people of God, in deep sense of His excellency and bounty, from hearts abounding with love and joy, join together both in hear and voice in the cheerful melodious singing of His praise.