

Session 10

A Better Community of Faith: Hebrews 12:1 13:19

The Way to God that Christ has prepared for us is of a different kind from any other religious approach. C. S. Lewis is reported to have walked into a discussion at Oxford University between professors who were trying to define the difference between Christianity and other religions: “I thought it was plain to see” said Lewis “...the difference is Grace!” Only in true Christianity does God graciously provide *and* explain the way to Himself. All other systems have us *working* for it or *guessing* at it. That doesn’t mean we are free agents with no obligations.

A. Disciplined Faith brings Strength	12:1-13
1. Be disciplined to finish the course	12:1-3
2. Accept hardship as paternal discipline from God’s hand	12:4-10
3. Such discipline leads to strength for the course	12:11-13
 B. Peaceful Faith brings Satisfaction	 12:14-17
1. Pursue peaceful relationships	12:14
2. Avoid unholiness, which leads to bitterness	12:14-17
 C. Unshakeable Faith brings Security	 12:18-29
1. Do not be fearful of God’s fierce earthly countenance	12:18-21
2. Rather enter into the community of God’s heavenly delight	12:22-24
3. The voice of God will shake the earth and heavens	12:25-26
4. What is shakeable will pass away	12:27
5. Therefore hold onto Unshakeable Faith	12:28-29
 D. Dignified Faith brings Solidity	 13:1-19
1. Be hospitable	13:1-2
2. Be charitable	13:3
3. Be honorable in sexual matters	13:4
4. Be honorable in financial matters	13:5-6
5. Be clear-minded in doctrinal matters	13:7-14
6. Be respectful to God and those who lead His church	13:15-19
 BENEDICTION	 13:20-25
E. May God Equip You for Service According to His Will	13:20-21
F. Word of Timothy’s Freedom, Greetings from Italy	13:22-25