

## “Moving Towards Our Identity” Hebrews 13:9-16

Christ is our sacrifice that sets us apart, so that we can offer our lives, our praise, and our love towards people.

### I. **Our Sacrifice (13:9-12)**

#### A. Old Covenant Problem

“According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation.

—Hebrews 9:9-10

#### B. Old Covenant Parallel

“And the bull for the sin offering and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the Holy Place, shall be carried outside the camp. Their skin and their flesh and their dung shall be burned up with fire.”

—Leviticus 16:27

“But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.”

—Hebrews 9:11-12

“And you, who were dead in your trespasses...God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.”

—Colossians 2:13-14

#### 1. Sanctify

a. To set apart.

b. For a purpose.

## II. Our Example (13:13, 14)

### A. His road is our road.

"For this is a gracious thing, when mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you and example, so that you might follow in his steps."

—1 Peter 2:19-21

### B. Why take this road?

"For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one."

—Hebrews 10:34

"By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward."

—Hebrews 11:24-26

"Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

—Hebrews 12:2

## III. Our Response (13:15, 16)

### A. A sacrifice of praise

### B. A sacrifice of love for people.

### Three Challenges...

- Keep a log of how you spend your time.
- Write down 5 things to praise God for each day.
- Give or share something you own to some one who is in need.