

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. We read, in our study of the Book of John, that by Him, and for Him, all things were made (paraphrasing). He was present from eternity past and created all things. His name was God the Son. He became the Lord / LORD Jesus Christ when He gave up some of His Omniscience (all knowing), Omnipresence (in all places at all times) and Omnipotence (all power above everything) to take on the form of man, be born of a virgin and live a sin free life having had to be tempted by all evil that can tempt a human. This is when He took on the birth name Jesus of Nazareth. I believe Scripture is clear on the premise that He recovered His full Deity when He defeated death, and Hades, when He was resurrected on the 3rd day. And at the end of the Tribulation

He is called "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS" in Revelation 19:15+16 (see printout). So regardless of whether He is called The Son of God, LORD (Jehova / Yaweh), The Angel of the LORD, Jesus, The Messiah, The Christ, KING OF KING AND LORD OF LORDS, He is still the same yesterday, today, and always. (There are at least 20-30 more names for our Lord Jesus Christ that just came to mind; the 7 I AM's of the Old Testament, the 7 I AM'S of the New Testament, the 8th (new beginning) I am the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End (Revelation 1:8) the Prince of Peace, ...).

Hebrews 13:9 Therefore knowing that don't be led away by false teachings. If the teachings are not Scriptural run away from them quickly! He warned His disciples, and us, that in the last days there will be many false teachings in Matthew 24:3-14 (see printout) →

13:9 (cont): Now that we know Jesus is the (only) Way, (42)
the (only) Truth, and the (only) Life let us be strong in that. We
live under "grace" not under the Old Testament "Law" that
dictated what foods to eat or abstain from, nor the laws of
being Kosher. (This of course never gives us the right to reject
God's Law. No, Now the "Law" is written on our hearts and we
follow them out of gratitude for Salvation in Jesus Christ, never
to earn Salvation.)

Hebrews 13:10-13 The writer is hammering home that the
adherence to the animal sacrifices, which only covered up sin,
is not to be compared to the once and for all Sacrifice that
was made by Jesus Christ. The former was never ending and
needed to be repeated every time a sin occurred, the latter
was a sin Sacrifice that was a one time removal of all sins
of all times for those who accepted Jesus' blood sacrifice
at God's altar. Verse 13 "outside the camp" points to the
reprehensible were brought; the place where blasphemers
were stoned, where Sabbath law breakers were stoned, where
the bodies of sacrificial animals were burned up, where
trash was burned, where the leperous and outcasts were
sent. Exodus 29:14 "But the flesh of the bull, with its skin
and its offal, you shall burn with fire outside the camp. It
is a sin offering." I believe, my opinion only, is that verse
13 tells us to come to the finished work of the cross, see
what our sin cost Him, and pick up our cross (what God has
predetermined our walk in Christ should entail, our ministry),
and follow Him.

Hebrews 13:14 simply put this is not our eternal home.

Hebrews 13:15-16 "Through Him" let us praise God, let our lips

Continually praise His name, for that is the sacrifice (43) that pleases God and let us do good to others and share what God has given us both in word and deed.

Galatians 2:20 sums up verses 14-16: "I am crucified with Christ, but I live, yet not I anymore, but Christ lives in me. And, in that I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith in the Son of God."

Hebrews 13:17 This command of the author of Hebrews is similar to Paul's command to us in Romans 13:1-5 (see printout). Neither mean to subject ourselves to the authority of the ungodly. Yes, they have been allowed to rule and reign but never ordained to do so. Sometimes God has allowed evil rulers to rule (Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin, Genghis Khan, Nimrod, ... etc and of course will allow The anti-Christ and the false prophet to come to power) but He has never expected us to obey them, nor "submit" to them.

Hebrews 13:18-19 Is a tough one. I believe the author is asking for prayer that he is a good minister, authority of God's word so that conscience can stay clean. He asked for prayer right after he said that those who are leaders are held to a higher accountability by God. The second half of his prayer request points to him asking for prayer to get him out of where he is so that he can return to his parishioners. Hebrews 13:20-21 (paraphrasing:) Praise be to God who raised the Lord Jesus after accepting His blood for the institution of the new eternal covenant. May He equip us with every good thing so that we may be pleasing to Him. Amen.

Hebrews 13:22-25 (a P.S.?) Timothy, who was with him, was released. He greets his brethren and sends greetings from the Italians. He closes with "Grace" be with all of you.