

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA
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SERMON OUTLINE 8/29/2010

BIBLE PASSAGE: *Hebrews 13:1-21*

TITLE: "HOW TO KILL YOUR CHURCH W/O EVEN TRYING"

INTRODUCTION:

1. America is a post-Christian nation. However, we are still reaping the _____ of our heritage
2. America's march away from God has affected her churches . . . from spiritual sanctity to social ceremony.
3. Last three messages have addressed church _____ & outreach. Paul's summary in *Hebrews 13* is valuable instruction for today's churches!

PROPOSITION: If you are a believer, you ought to be an obedient & productive church member. Here are five ways to kill the church. Don't be guilty of any of these sins.

I. UNFAITHFULNESS TO CHURCH SERVICES

- A. Faithfulness Is Taught, *Hebrews 13:9-14*.
 1. Beware _____ doctrine/Be established by grace.
 2. Earlier teaching on church attendance and involvement, cf. *Hebrews 10:19-25*.
 3. _____ faithfulness before children & new believers, cf. *Nehemiah 10:35-39*.
- B. Unfaithfulness Is Taboo
 1. Lack of faithfulness results in instability.
 2. Best way to detect falsehood is to _____ the truth.
 3. It's possible to be present at church activities and still absent, cf. Malachi 1:6-9, 13 & 14

II. INDIFFERENCE & CRITICISM OF CHURCH PROGRAMS

- A. Beware A Critical Attitude.
 1. There are more "do's" in the Bible than "don'ts".
 2. Criticism: Get involved and make it better. . . .
 3. Indifference: When will _____ become a priority? Who is your authority?
cf. *Romans 9:14-21*
- B. Beget A Constructive Approach

1. Focus on some “positives” from this passage, *Hebrews 13:1, 3, 5, 9, & 18*
2. It _____ faithfulness to become acquainted, accepted, & trusted.
3. Are you truly interested in what God expects?

III. INSENSITIVITY TO CHURCH NEEDS

- A. The Implications of Stewardship, *Hebrews 13:12-14*.
- B. The Importance of Service.

IV. INCONSISTENCY W/CHURCH STANDARDS

- A. The Source of Our Standards, *Hebrews 13/ cf. II Timothy 3:14-17*.
- B. The Surrender of Our _____, *Hebrews 13:5-8*.
- C. The Separation of Our _____, *cf. Ephesians 4:22-32/Ephesians 5:11-16*.

V. REBELLIOUSNESS TO CHURCH LEADERSHIP,
Hebrews 13:7 & 17

- A. The Direction of the Scriptures.
 1. *Vs. 7*– Leaders are called to proclaim truth & make judgments.
 2. *Vs. 17*– _____ for the leader’s ability & motive.
- B. The Duty of Pastors & Deacons.
 1. *Vs. 7*– Preach, teach, serve, counsel, administrate, & pray.
 2. *Vs. 17*– Unselfishly watch over Souls, *cf. I Corinthians 4:1-5, James 3: 1,2*

CONCLUSION:

1. Are you alive unto God?
2. Will you do your part for this church?