





Recap



Hebrews in a Nutshell

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 1:1** God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ² in these last days has spoken to us in His Son
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 4:2** For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.
- **Hebrews 11:1** faith is the foundation of continuous hoping, conviction of deeds not seen ... ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please Him
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 12:25** See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less shall we escape who turn away from Him who warns from heaven



Mission Accomplished

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 2:10** For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the captain of their salvation through sufferings.
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 5:9** And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 7:28** For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a Son, made perfect forever.
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 10:14** For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.
- ^{NAS} **1 John 3:2** Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is.



There's Power in the Blood

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 12:22** But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God..., ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.
- By the blood of Jesus we are forever released ...
 - from
 1. The guilt of sin
 2. The penalty for sin
 3. The defilement from sin
 4. The power of sin
 - to
 1. Sanctification/holiness
 2. Obedience
 3. Eternal life
 4. The presence of God



Let Us

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 4:1** Therefore, let us fear lest, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you should seem to have come short of it.
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 4:11** Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall through following the same example of disobedience.
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 4:14** Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 4:16** Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 6:1** Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,



Wrapping Up



The Charge

1. Love of neighbour: 1-3
2. Love of God: (-) 4-6; (+) 15-16
3. Support those in ministry: 7, 17-19
4. Persevere in the faith: 8-9, 12-14



1. Love Your Neighbour

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 13:1** Let love of the brethren continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them, and those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body.
- ^{NIV} **Leviticus 19:18** "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.
- ^{NAS} **Ephesians 5:2** and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.
- ^{NAS} **Romans 12:9** Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;



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- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 13:4** Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge. ⁵ Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you," ⁶ so that we confidently say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What shall man do to me?"
- ^{NAS} **Proverbs 28:9** He who turns away his ear from listening to the law, Even his prayer is an abomination.
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- ^{NAS} **Proverbs 15:8** The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But the prayer of the upright is His delight.



Foundation-laying Biblical Theology of Human Sexuality

- Four years in the making, the report provides a biblical foundation for the CRCNA's stance on such issues as homosexuality, same-sex marriage, gender identity, and pornography. While offering wide-ranging ways to provide love, support, and pastoral care to people who struggle with sexual and identity issues, the basis of the report comes from an analysis of Scriptures.
 - The 176-page report was commissioned by synod in June 2016. The central aim of this theological task will be to provide concise yet clear ethical guidance for what constitutes a holy and healthy Christian sexual life, and in light of this to serve the church with pastoral, ecclesial, and missional guidance that explains how the gospel provides redemptive affirmation and hope for those experiencing sexual questioning, temptation, and sin" (Acts of Synod 2016, pp. 919-20).
- https://www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/human_sexuality_report_2020.pdf



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2b. Love God (+)

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 13:15** Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. ¹⁶ And do not neglect doing good and sharing; for with such sacrifices God is pleased.
- ^{NIV} **Matthew 22:37** Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.
- ^{NAS} **Deuteronomy 7:9** "Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;
- ^{NAS} **1 John 5:3** For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.



3. Support those in Ministry

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 13:7** Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith. ... ¹⁷ Obey your leaders, and submit to them; for they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you. ¹⁸ Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a good conscience, desiring to conduct ourselves honorably in all things.
- ^{NAS} **1 Thessalonians 5:12** But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, ¹³ and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.



4. Persevere in the Faith

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 13:8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yes and forever. ⁹ Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings; for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, through which those who were thus occupied were not benefited. ... ¹² Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate. ¹³ Hence, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach. ¹⁴ For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city which is to come.
- ^{NIV} **Jude 1:3** Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.



Conclusion



Pleasing in His Sight

- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 13:20** Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, ²¹ equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.
- ^{NAS} **Romans 12:1** I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.
- ^{NIV} **Romans 14:17** For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, ¹⁸ because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by men.