



Persisting Love by the Changeless Christ

Lesson Sixty • Hebrews 13:8

23 Commands in Hebrews 13 for Persisting Love to Move Forward to Our Final Salvation!*						
PERSISTING LOVE for One Another! (vv. 1-6)	PERSISTING LOVE with Church Leaders! (vv. 7, cf. 17, 24)	PERSISTING LOVE by the Changeless Christ! (v. 8)	PERSISTING LOVE in Bearing Reproach! (vv. 9-14)	PERSISTING LOVE as Believer Priests! (13:15-17)	PERSISTING LOVE from the Great Shepherd! (13:20-21)	PERSISTING LOVE to Keep Moving Forward! (13:18-19, 22-25)
8 Commands in 4 Pairs Y'all persist in brotherly love and avoid the pitfalls (sexual immorality & material idolatry) with godly motivation!	9 Commands 2 + 0 + 2 + 5 Let us keep going outside the camp to bear the reproach of Jesus as believer priests by imitating past leaders who finished well (v. 7) and obeying present leaders who teach and lead well (v. 17) according to sound doctrine, rather than being carried away by strange doctrines!			NO COMMANDS! Only blessing from God through JESUS our Lord to equip us to will and work what is pleasing to God!	6 Various Commands Move forward together with conviction in community by God's ordinary means of grace!	

*15 explicit commands plus 8 implicit ones due to grammatical structure.

"JESUS CHRIST, yesterday and today, the SAME, and into FOREVER!" Hebrews 13:8

What came **before** in verse 7?

What comes **after** in verse 9?

What remains **changeless** in verse 8?

Persisting Love Always Counts on the Changeless Christ

1. His STEADFAST Name. (13:8a)

"Jesus Christ" Hebrews 10:10; 13:21; 13:8

Jesus Christ Is Our Steadfast Strength

- The name JESUS reveals a sinless Savior.

Philippians 2:5-11; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5-6

- The title of CHRIST reveals a threefold office.

Hebrews 1:1-4

2. His SAMENESS Claim. (13:17)

Jesus Christ's Claim to Sameness

- Jesus Christ is IMMUTABLE.

"For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed." Malachi 3:6

- Jesus Christ is **UNIQUE**.
- Jesus Christ is **SUFFICIENT**.

3. His **STRONG** Aim. (13:8c-9)

Jesus Christ's Strong Aim is Always the Same!

- Jesus Christ is the same **YESTERDAY**.
- Jesus Christ is the same **TODAY**.

*"It is folly to think the Lord provides grace for every trouble but the one you are in TODAY."
– Charles Spurgeon*

- Jesus Christ is the same into **FOREVER**.

"I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"?

By Ira Stanphil (1950)

I don't know about tomorrow,
I just live from day to day.
I don't borrow from its sunshine,
For its skies may turn to gray.
I don't worry o'er the future,
For I know what Jesus said,
And today I'll walk beside Him,
For He knows what is ahead.

Refrain

Many things about tomorrow,
I don't seem to understand;
But I know who holds tomorrow,
And I know who holds my hand.

I don't know about tomorrow,
It may bring me poverty;
But the one who feeds the sparrow,
Is the one who stands by me.
And the path that be my portion,
May be through the flame or flood,
But His presence goes before me,
And I'm covered with His blood.

**Persist in Loving the Lord, His Local Church, One Another, and the Lost
Because You Can Always Count on the Changeless Christ!**

Say It Together with Confidence: *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and into forever."*