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For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹² So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³ Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.

Hebrews 13:14-16

For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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Three questions to probe us

1. Will we die in our religion or die in our devotion?

- Two issues: 1) they were driven by externalism and formalism; 2) they were scared
- Two options: 1) you can either quit the mission; or 2) you can risk everything for the mission

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2. Will we embrace our comfort or will we embrace His cross?

– *“Outside the camp”*

- 1) Dirty places – Leviticus 16:27-28
- 2) Disgusting places – Leviticus 13:45-46
- 3) Dangerous places – Leviticus 24:13-16

Three questions to probe us

3. Do we really want to be where Jesus is?

The Answer from Hebrews 13:11-16

With a Savior like Jesus, Christian, **Pursue the next great need and not the next great comfort**

1) Jesus died outside the gate – verse 13

2) Jesus died to sanctify us (to make us different from the rest of the world) – verse 12

3) Christians are different (sanctified) because they have a city that is to come – verse 14

The Answer from Hebrews 13:11-16

What's involved in this life that pursues the next great need and not the next great comfort?

- 1) A life of praise to God – verse 15
- 2) A life of love to people – verse 16