

STRENGTHENED BY GRACE

HEBREWS 13:7-25

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Some Final Thoughts...

- **Look to Jesus and be _____ by His grace! (v.7-16)**
- **He doesn't change... He's the same _____, _____ and _____!**
- **He offers _____, _____ & _____ to all who call on Him.**
- **Follow _____, _____, God-given _____. (v.7 & 17)**

Never follow a pastor who does not understand that he will give an account for how he led you!

Where you have a pastor who joyfully submits to Christ and calls you to do the same, follow him!

A Very Encouraging Ending (v.20-25)

Remember...

- **Our God is a God of _____.**
- **Jesus, our Great Shepherd, is _____!**

- We are eternally _____ to God. He sent His son to shed His blood for us.
- God _____ you to do His will!
- God is already _____ with me and is working on me to make me _____ to Him!
- God's grace will _____ to go with us all.

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Remember...

- **Our God is a God of peace.**
- **Jesus, our Great Shepherd, is alive!**

- We are eternally valuable to God. He sent His son to shed His blood for us.
- God equips you to do His will!
- God is already pleased with me and is working on me to make me more pleasing to Him!
- God's grace will continue to go with us all.