

37. Jesus at the Altar – Part 1 – Hebrews 13:7-9

- I. Defining Truth – vs. 7
 - A. Remember Your Spiritual Leaders
 - 1. Keep Them in Mind – 1 Thess. 5:12-13
 - 2. Consider Their Conduct – 2 Cor. 1:12
 - 3. Imitate Their Faith – 1 Cor. 11:1
 - B. The Roles of Spiritual Leaders
 - 1. Shepherd the Flock – 1 Peter 5:1-4
 - 2. Speak the Truth – 2 Tim. 4:1-5
 - 3. Set an Example – 1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9
- II. Defending Truth – vs. 8-9
 - A. A Sure Standard
 - 1. Times Change; Jesus Does Not
 - 2. Times Change; The Message Does Not – Jer. 6:16
 - B. Unstable Doctrine – Eph. 4:14; Acts 20:28-30
 - 1. Various – Diverse
 - a. Of Cloth – multicolored, dazzling
 - b. Of Metals – alloyed, mixed
 - c. Enticing from Every View Point
 - d. Complex, not Clear
 - e. Intricate, not Plain – 2 Cor. 4:2
 - 2. Strange – Unfamiliar, Foreign
 - a. New, not Native – Gal. 1:8
 - b. Untested – Acts 17:11
 - C. Strengthened by Grace
 - 1. By Grace through Faith – Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 14:23
 - 2. Not by Sacramental Meals or Means – 1 Cor. 8:8; Col. 2:16; Rom 14:17
 - 3. *Ex Opere Operato* – “by doing it, it is done” (the belief that the sacraments dispense grace and faith regardless of the heart of the recipient)