

40. Jesus Our Amen – Hebrews 13:20-25

Amen: Verily; True; Faithful; Absolute Confidence and Trust; So Be It

The Expectation of Effects from the Exhortation: Transformed lives that stand firm in the faith.

We do not do good works and God's will in order to be at peace with Him. We cannot do good works or His will unless we have already received His peace and been reconciled to Him through His Son. Apart from His intervention, we cannot change ourselves or conduct ourselves as He requires. But by His power and provision, He equips, enables, and exhorts us to do all that we do through Christ, to Christ, and for the glory of Christ alone.

- I. The God of Peace – vs. 20-21
 - A. His Power – Resurrecting Jesus – Zech. 4:6
 - B. His Provision – Appointing Jesus the Great Shepherd – Isa. 40:11; Ezek. 34:23; John 10:11; 1 Peter 2:25; 5:1-4
 - C. His Preparation – Equipping and Enabling the Saints
 - 1. Through the Blood of the Everlasting Covenant – Titus 3:7; Ezek. 37:26; Heb. 2:17-18
 - a. The Depth of Our Sin
 - b. The Depth of God's Love
 - 2. Making Us Complete in Every Good Work – Eph. 2:8-10
 - 3. Giving Us the Desire and Power to Do His Will – Phil. 2:13; 1 Cor. 1:10; 2 Cor. 13:11; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Eph. 4:11-16
 - 4. Working through Christ, to Christ, for Christ's Glory – Rom. 11:36
- II. The Good News – vs. 22-23
 - A. Bear with This Exhortation – endure, hold up under, be edified
 - B. This is a Short Sermon
 - C. He has Intervened for Us – 2 Cor. 5:16-19
- III. The Greetings of Grace – vs. 24-25
 - A. A Salutation: Salute – Greeting, Respect, Honor, Public Praise, Recognition – Rom. 16:16; 1 Cor. 16:20; 2 Cor. 13:12-13; 1 Thess. 5:26; 1 Peter 5:14
 - 1. Greet Spiritual Leaders
 - 2. Greet the Saints
 - 3. Greetings to and from the Church at Large
 - B. A Benediction: Grace be with You All. Amen. – 2 Cor. 4:15; 9:8; Rev. 22:21