

Sermon Outline

The Risen Shepherd

Hebrews 13:19-21

Introduction: A benediction at the end of a New Testament epistle

I. Verse 21 – a Benediction and Doxology

Doxology:

1. *Amen* and glory to Jesus Christ (Heb 1:3)

Benediction:

2. *what is pleasing in His sight* – concludes the section on *acceptable worship* encompassing 12:28-13:17
3. God would *equip you* and *work in us* – by grace, He did it all!

II. Verse 20 – the basis for the benediction

1. *The blood of the eternal covenant* (Heb 9:12,20, Is 55:3, Jer 31:31-34, Ez 47:26-27, Lk 22:20)
2. The resurrection based on *the blood of the eternal covenant*
3. *The great shepherd of the sheep* (Ps 23, Ez 34:11-16, Jn 10:11-18)
4. *Brought again from the dead* – the irrefutable resurrection of Jesus from the dead

III. The peace of knowing of our resurrection, in Christ (1 Cor 15:47-54)