

“A Christian Distinctive”

Hebrews 13:14-16

I. Heaven to Come

A) Pollyanna or Eeyore?

- 1) Christians are not an Eeyore
- 2) Christians are not a “Pollyanna” (Romans 12:15; Matthew 5:4)

B) Heaven

- 1 Peter 1:3-6; Revelation 19:7

II. Praise & Gratitude

A) “through Him” (Christ)

- Romans 5:11; Hebrews 9:13-15

B) Sacrifices

- 1) Meant to point to Christ
 - 2) Became a way to point to Religion
- 1 Samuel 15:22; Isaiah 29:13

C) Praise

- 1) Ingratitude, the Enemy & Thankfulness
 - a) Satan hates gratitude/praise
Isaiah 14:12-15; Genesis 3:5
 - b) Attitude of Gratitude
Psalm 95:1-3; Psalm 98:4-9; Psalm 100:1-5
Acts 16:22-24; Acts 16:25; Matthew 26:30-32; Psalm 118:24-29
Hebrews 10:34
Why?
 - We are His people
 - He is good
 - His love endures forever
 - His judgment has been averted
- 2) How Should we Praise?
 - a) Continually
 - b) Orally – “fruit of lips”
 - c) Publicly
 - should be no doubt you are a Christian

III. Good Sacrifices

A) Doing Good; Matthew 10:42

B) Sharing gifts from God