Hebrews 13: 10-14

I. The True Sacrifice and Altar (Hebrews 13: 10-14)

- We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat.
- The altar that Paul is speaking about is the heavenly altar it is that altar on which ultimate final sacrifice was offered, Lord Jesus Christ.
- This sacrifice, the crucified body and blood of the Lamb, is the offering which God's children feed on by faith.

II. The Cost of Eating from this True Altar and Sacrifice

- Christ crucified outside camp bearing shame & guilt of all His people, hung on a tree an accursed man, consumed by fire of God's Holy wrath.
- The blood of Christ was burnt outside the camp, which is a picture of worship and purification, intrinsic in its imagery.
- By partaking of the sacrifice of Christ, we too must be willing to bear the shame and reproach that comes with following Him.

III. Living Sacrifices in Response to the True Sacrifice

- We r called to offer our bodies as living sacrifices to God, which is our reasonable service.
- This offering of ourselves is in response to the ultimate offering of Christ.
- Our living sacrifice: a love for God & others, to suffer & endure trials
- Application: 13: 15, 16 live a life of gratitude & praise & service to others

Faith and Power of the Resurrection (Philippians 3: 7-10)

- Resurrection key to power & effectiveness of Christ's sacrifice
- Resurrection central to our thinking & pivotal in apostolic preaching.
- Resurrection: God's acceptance & power of our sanctification.

I. Pursue the Power of His Resurrection

- Paul pursued the power of the resurrection by counting everything he valued as loss compared to the excellence of knowing Christ.
- Pursuing the knowledge of Christ & being found in His righteousness
 alone unleashes the power of His resurrection in our lives

II. Pressing Towards the Goal

- Paul's clear goal in life, to know Christ & be found in Him
- Paul eagerly pressed on towards it with the help of the Holy Spirit.

III. Persevering Through Trials

- Paul persevered through trials by keeping his eyes on the prize of knowing Christ and being found in Him.
- By focusing on the resurrection power of Christ, Paul was able to endure suffering and persecution with joy.
- Our ultimate hope is in the resurrection from the dead, just as Paul expressed in Philippians 3:11.
- Power of Christ's resurrection enables us to grow in glory & long for our final resurrection body, 1 Cori 15:50-54 & 2 Cor 5:1-5