HEBREWS: CHRIST IN ALL OF SCRIPTURE AMEN BIBLE STUDY 2017-2018

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Scripture Intro

Introduction

Proposition: Because Jesus, your Good Shepherd, wants what is best for you, follow his lead through leaders.

- I. Submit to the Great Shepherd (vs. 20-21): "our great shepherd of the sheep."
 - A. Power to lead: "brought again from the dead"
 - B. Authorization to lead: "blood of the eternal covenant" (Heb 9:20)
 - C. Good and pleasing destination: "equip you with everything good...pleasing" (Phil 2:13)
 - D. Beautiful to follow: "to whom be glory forever and ever"
- II. Submit to the under-shepherds (vs. 17-19, 22-25)
 - A. No inherent authority: "the great shepherd"
 - B. Authorized to lead: "obey your leaders and submit to them...as those who will give an account...word of exhortation."
 - C. Good and pleasing to follow: "keeping watch over your souls...that would be of no advantage to you...greet all your leaders and all the saints."
 - D. Beautiful to follow: "Pray for us...clear conscience."

Conclusion

Discussion Questions

- 1. How is the reason we must submit to Jesus' leadership different from the reason people may want us to submit to their leadership?
- 2. How does Christ's resurrection give him the "power" to lead?
- 3. How does Christ's death authorize him to lead?
- 4. What "equipment" has Christ given us to follow him?
- 5. How does Christ lead us through others?
- 6. In light of this, how must we respond to the leaders he gives us?
- 7. What is a practical thing the text says you can do for your leaders? (v. 18)

Going Deeper

- 1. In what ways might you be tempted not to submit to Christ's leadership?
- 2. In what ways might you be tempted not to submit to Christ's under-shepherds?