

THE OUTSIDER

Scripture:

Hebrews 13:12-14

Introduction

Paul places a peculiar connotation upon the words "without the gate." Implied is a stigma, a disgrace in being made an outsider.

Society frowns upon the outsider, and smiles upon the "IN" crowd. Jesus became a social, political, and religious outcast that we might be brought into the sanctuary of God's grace.

I. What was inside the gate or camp

A. The Israelite encampment (Numbers 2, 3:1-39)

- Tabernacle
East
1. Center--Tabernacle, Levites
 2. North--Dan, Asher, and Naphtali
 3. East--Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun
 4. West--Ephraim, Manessah, and Benjamin
 5. South--Rueben, Simeon, and Gad

B. Inside the gate was sanctuary

1. Safety, security
2. Shelter
 - a. Light
 - b. Warmth
3. Supply
 - a. Food
 - b. Clothing

II. What was without the gate

A. The alien

1. Excluded on pain of death (Numbers 3:38)
2. That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world.

Ephesians 2:12

THE SHEPHERD

II. What was without the gate

- B. The excommunicated
 - 1. Ceremonially unclean
 - 2. Deformed
 - 3. Diseased
- C. The outlaw - ~~THE FELLOW~~
- D. The refuse heap
 - 1. Burning carcasses of sacrificial animals
 - 2. The sewage of the camp
 - 3. The refuse of the camp
- E. Conditions outside the camp
 - 1. Unsheltered
 - 2. Insecure
 - 3. Unsupplied

Outside the camp was wilderness.

III. Why Jesus suffered without the gate

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth,
will draw all men unto me.

John 12:32

- A. He had to become sin
 - He was numbered with the transgressors
 - Isaiah 53:12
- B. He had to become an outcast
 - 1. Rejected of men
 - He is despised and rejected of men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with
grief:
 - Isaiah 53:3
 - 2. Rejected of God
 - My God, my God, why hast thou for-
saken me?
 - Matthew 27:46
 - 3. Subject of scorn and derision
 - 4. A common criminal

IV. What Jesus Suffering brought

A. For the Alien--citizenship

Now therefore ye are no more strangers
and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with
the saints, and of the household of God.

Ephesians 2:19

B. For the diseased--healing

...by whose stripes ye were healed

1 Peter 2:24

C. For the outlaw--forgiveness

If we confess our sins, he is faithful
and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse
from all unrighteousness

1 John 1:9

D. For the ceremonially unclean--cleansing

E. For the deformed--recreation

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he
is a new creature:

2 Corinthians 5:17