

We Have an Altar (Hebrews 13:10-12)

- Christ is the fulfillment of all the shadow and types – offerings and feasts
- Altar and sacrifices, continually pointed to Jesus: perfect altar & sacrifice

I. The Absence of an Earthly Altar (v.9)

- Role of the altar was very significant throughout Israel's religious history
- The role of the altar throughout all pagan religions was very important
- Pagans accused Christians of cannibalism, incest and also atheism

II. We Have an Altar (vv.9, 10a)

- “We have an altar” is figurative language that speaks of Christ's sacrifice
- No earthly altar because Christ has been sacrificed once and for all
- We possess, have a true altar in Christ from which grace and mercy flow

III. Who Can Partake from Our Altar (v.10b)

- 1) Jewish Perspective: Jesus was accursed, hung on a tree – No Messiah
- 2) Father's perspective: Jesus makes complete end to our sins once for all

IV. Suffering Outside the Gate (v.11,12)

- These verses answer two questions
 1. Why Jesus is the perfect altar: He is the priest and the offering to God
 2. Why the Jews and priests cannot partake: Go outside the camp

V. That He Might Sanctify US (v.12)

- “Sanctify” in Hebrews means purified from sins, cleansed by His blood
- “Sanctify the people” a definitive group of people, new covenant people