

CLOSING WORDS
(Hebrews 13:22-25)

- I. Final PLEA (Heb. 13:22)
 - A. Concerns “this word of EXHORTATION”
 - 1. Thinks of the LETTER as a SERMON (Acts 13:15)
 - 2. Includes the idea of REBUKE
 - 3. Includes the idea of INSTRUCTION
 - 4. Emphasizes the idea of ENCOURAGEMENT
 - B. Presents an URGENT plea
 - C. Desires them to “BEAR WITH” the message
 - 1. Acknowledges its CHALLENGES
 - 2. Anticipates some RESISTANCE (cf. 2 Tim. 4:3-4)
 - D. Describes it as “BRIEF”
 - 1. Could be READ aloud in UNDER an HOUR
 - 2. Full exposition would REQUIRE much DEVELOPMENT
- II. Final ANNOUNCEMENT (Heb. 13:23)
 - A. Concerning TIMOTHY
 - 1. Refers to him as “OUR BROTHER”

- 2. Informs them of his RELEASE
 - B. Concerning the AUTHOR
 - 1. PROMISES to “SEE YOU” soon
 - 2. Will BRING Timothy if he ARRIVES in TIME
- III. Final GREETINGS (Heb. 13:24)
- A. Employs the RECIPIENTS of the letter
 - 1. Instructs them to greet “ALL your LEADERS”
 - a. Implies a “HOUSE CHURCH” community
 - b. Demonstrates no RIGID HIERARCHY
 - 2. Instructs them to greet “ALL the SAINTS”
 - B. Sends greetings from “the ITALIANS”
 - 1. May have been WRITING from ITALY
 - 2. May have been TRAVELING with Italians who KNEW them
- IV. Final PRAYER (Heb. 13:25)
- A. Indicates their NEED of God’s GRACE
 - B. Indicates ALL BELIEVERS are RECIPIENTS of God’s grace