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**Assembly Times**

*Sundays*  
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
*Wednesdays*  
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

***Retaining The Standard  
Of Sound Doctrine***

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**Know Your Bible: Answers**

1. The serpent (Gen. 3:14-15)
2. Jesus (Mark 11:21)
3. Jehoiakim (Jer. 22:18; 36:30)
4. Abraham (Genesis 12:3)
5. Job (2:9)

**This Week's Assignments & Events**

**Sunday Worship**

Greeter: John Franks  
Announcements: Ronnie Ramsey  
Encouragement Talk: Arturo Orozco  
Opening Prayer: Jacob McAdams  
Scripture Reading: Corwin Richardson  
Colossians 4:13-18  
Song Leader: Billy Lovell  
Table Talk: Eddie Bowen  
Contribution: Robert McCorkle  
Helper: Kevin Buckner  
Fruit of Vine:  
Helper: Verlin Wilson  
Helper: John Van Baale  
Closing Prayer: Brad Smith

**Sunday Afternoons**

Sept 24 4PM Boys Song Leading Class  
Oct 1 Song Leader Training (sign up)  
Oct 8 4PM Prayer Meeting  
Oct 15 4PM Devotionals

**Wednesday Evening**

Song Leader: Jacob McAdams  
Speaker: Eddie Bowen



# Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist  
in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”  
Ephesians 6:13

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## Rock Of Ages

This hymn has traditionally been ranked as one of the most popular hymns ever written. It is certainly one of the best-known in the English language. It was published in 1776.

Augustus Montague Toplady was born in Farnham, England, on November 4, 1740, the son of a Major Richard Toplady, who died in the service while his son was in infancy. Later, young Toplady was graduated from Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, and became known as a powerful and zealous evangelical preacher. Because of his frail constitution he died of overwork and tuberculosis at the early age of thirty-eight. Toplady was highly respected as a deeply spiritual, evangelical leader. His final statements just before his death are noteworthy: “My heart beats every day stronger for glory. Sickness is no affliction, pain no cause, death itself no dissolution...My prayers are now all converted into praise.”

August Toplady was walking through Burrington Combe in the Mendip Hills, Somerset, a beautiful spot some two or three miles from his home in the nearby village of Blagdon, when he was caught in a sudden, violent thunderstorm. The particular place is very exposed, affording no shelter, but Toplady saw a cliff running down a mass of rock beside the road, in which he was able to take refuge until the storm abated. He thought while there, of the spiritual significance of his experience. God is a refuge from the storms of life. Then the words of the apostle Paul came to his mind: “Moreover brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers... did drink the same spiritual food: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ” (1 Corinthians 10:1, 4). As a result, the famous words that were penned can be coupled with quotations and paraphrases from the Bible in a very interesting way. Of course, the hymn is not made up of literal quotations from the Scriptures, but the lines refer to passages which are strikingly similar:

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me* - Psalm 62:5–8  
*Let me hide myself in Thee* - Exodus 33:22  
*Let the water and the blood* - John 5:6  
*From Thy riven side which flowed* - John 19:34  
*Be of sin the double cure* - 2 Kings 2:9–10  
*Cleanse me from its guilt and power* - Isaiah 1:18  
*Not the labor of my hands* - Psalm 69:6  
*Can fulfill the law's demands* - Matthew 5:17–18  
*Could my zeal no respite know* - Psalm 69:6  
*Could my tears forever flow* - Psalm 6:6  
*All for sin could not atone* - Hebrews 10:5–6  
*Thou must save and thou alone* - Hebrews 10:8–10  
*Nothing in my hand I bring* - Isaiah 4:1  
*Simply to Thy cross I cling* - Galatians 6:14  
*Naked, come to Thee for grace* - Romans 13:14  
*Helpless, look to Thee for grace* - Philippians 4:13  
*Vile, I to the fountain fly* - Psalm 51:6  
*Wash me, Savior, or I die* - John 13:8  
*While I draw this fleeting breath* - Psalm 103:15–16  
*When mine eyes are closed in death* - Ecclesiastes 12:7  
*When I soar to worlds unknown* - John 14:2–3  
*See Thee on Thy judgment throne* - Matthew 25:31  
*Rock of Ages, cleft for me* - 1 Corinthians 10:4  
*Let me hide myself in Thee* - Psalm 17:3

Here are the ideas which Toplady wove into his hymn and which underlie its message. It is a hymn about sin and salvation; or, to put it in personal terms, about the sinner in his helpless need and Jesus Christ in the all-sufficiency of His atoning sacrifice. He, the Rock of Ages, is the sinner's sole refuge. It was the writer of Hebrews who said: "That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: which hope we have as an anchor for the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth in that within the veil" (Heb. 6:18–19). All the efforts of man to save himself are vain. Therefore, he only cry:

"Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling."

By Edward McFadden

## Know Your Bible

### Curses

1. What was the only animal to be cursed by God?
2. Who cursed a fig tree for not bearing fruit?
3. What son of Josiah was cursed by God?
4. Who received a promise from God that all persons who cursed him would be cursed themselves?
5. Who was told by his wife to curse God and die?

Answers On Back

### Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



## A Door Keeper

by Jesse Jenkins

*"For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than dwell in the tents of wickedness."* (Psalms 84:10)

This statement demands at least four characteristics of the person sincerely making it. Ask self if I can sincerely and objectively make this statement?

**IT DEMANDS KNOWLEDGE.** One could not know if he had rather be a door keeper in the house of God if he did not know what it is. So, let us identify the house of God: *"But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."* (I Tim. 3:15) The statement modified is I had rather be a door keeper in the church of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. Thus, those who obey the gospel and live godly lives compose the church of my God.

**IT DEMANDS SERVICE.** Door keeping necessitates service. Now let us take a look at the tents of wickedness to see if we want to give them up or be a doorkeeper. Tents of wickedness refers to anything that comes from a carnal mind. Let us look at the results to see if we want to make that choice. The carnal mind leads to death (hell). The spiritual mind leads to life and peace. (Romans 8:6). What choice do you make?

**IT DEMANDS DISCERNMENT – GOOD JUDGEMENT.** Even the man in the world who has good judgment in business matters usually acts foolish relative to the soul. Good judgment is attained by application and exercise, *"...who by reason of use have their senses to discern good and evil"* (Heb. 5:8). The person who does not see wrong in drinking and dancing and missing Bible class and Wednesday night service, cannot correctly make this statement.

**IT DEMANDS A POSITIVE CHOICE.** One can have knowledge and be able to discern good and evil yet make the wrong choice. Moses not only refused to remain in the king's house, he chose to suffer with God's people (Hebrews 11:24-26) Those who have "respect to the recompense of reward" will make the right choice also. When one makes a positive choice to serve in the house of God, he will not only refrain from evil, he will actively do the right. When one makes the positive choice to be a doorkeeper in the house of God, he will have the reward.

**IT DEMANDS HUMILITY.** Keeping doors is a position of low esteem. The high look down on door keeping. They want to do something big. If some cannot do something big, they will do nothing at all. Naaman (2 Kings 5:13) is a good example of this. One may say if I was a preacher or had much money, I would do great things for the Lord. The truth is one can do much with the little he does have. The humble realize their dependence on God. A congregation could not be divided if it was composed of truly humble people. Humble people depend upon God for direction, and think of the welfare others (Phil. 2:3-4).

Being a doorkeeper in the house of God takes much faith and much effort. Is it worth it? Psalms 84:11 gives the answer. *"For the Lord is a sun and a shield; the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly."* I repeat, *"no good thing will He withhold from them who walk uprightly."*

by Jesse Jenkins