## Family Matters

## New Caney Church of Christ

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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. Moses (Numbers 14:11)
- 2. Adam (Genesis 3:11)
- 3. Cyrus (Isaiah 45:1–9)
- 4. Joshua (1:1, 9)
- 5. Abraham (Genesis 18:13)

This Week's Assignments & Events			
Sunday Worship		Sunday Afternoons	
Greeter: Announcements:	Ronnie Lightfoot	Oct 22	4PM Worship (Casey Thomas to preach)
Encouragement Talk: Opening Prayer:	Josh Emerson Tyler Blazek	Oct 29	Nothing
Scripture Reading:	1 Thessalonians 2:14–20	Nov 5	4PM Teacher Classroom Change
Table Talk:	Harper Flores Robert McCorkle Ryan Haarmann	Nov 12	Parent Planned Youth Devotional
Helper: Fruit of Vine: Helper:	John Franks Sandon Spyker Eddie Bowen	Song	Vednesday Evening Leader: Arturo Orozco Speaker: Todd McAdams

# 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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## The Example Of Christ: Sacrifice

Sacrifice in all of the Bible is how man has been able to worship and please God. From the earliest parts of Genesis, animal sacrifice was a means of praising and appeasing God. Sacrifices of various sorts were fundamental to the Law of Moses. Sacrifice is also a strong part of the New Covenant. "You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5). God expects Christians to offer sacrifices and Jesus is our example.

"He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself" (Hebrews 9:26). He "manifested" in becoming a man for the purpose of being a sacrifice. Jesus "emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:7–8). Jesus became a man and died a horrible death on a cross. He knew this was going to happen and still humbled Himself. "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9).

John the Baptist said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). The sacrificial lamb was a very important part of the Law of Moses, being a central part of the Passover. The promised suffering servant in Isaiah 53:7 was "oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter...". In John's revelation chapter John "saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang

a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. "You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth." (Revelation 5:6–10). Truly, "Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed" (1 Corinthians 5:7). "Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma" (Ephesians 5:2).

God intends for us to learn from and follow Christ's example. "You have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed" (1 Peter 2:21–24). "Since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God" (1 Peter 4:1–2). We suffer for doing the will of the Father - a sacrifice of ease and comfort so as to be obedient and please Him. We arm ourselves with this purpose of pleasing God, which requires sacrifice.

Paul writes we are to "present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship" (Romans 12:1). We are to sacrifice ourselves (by living holy with our boy rather than in sin) which is part of our worship to God. Christ was without sin, and we are to live in holiness. The temptations of the flesh must be denied which is a sacrifice in this life which we willing offer because it is the will of God.

When obedience becomes a challenge we do well to point ourselves back to the sacrifice of Jesus, to see Him as our example of how to live in righteousness before God. His example will strengthen and give us courage and resolve to remain holy.

by Charles Willis

## Know Your Bible

## Who Did God Ask?

- 1. How long will this people provoke me?
- 2. Who told thee thou wast naked?
- 3. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou?
- 4. Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid.
- 5. Is anything too hard for the Lord?

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



## "God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways" (Hebrews 1:1)

Angels - Genesis 18

Visions - Daniel 7–12

Dreams - Numers 12:6

A Burning Bush - Exodus 3

A Cloud - Exodus 13:21

A Pillar Of Fire - Exodus 13:21

A Donkey - Numers 22:28

Miracles - Exodus 7-13

Mouth to Mouth - Numbers 12:7-8

Inspiration - 2 Peter 1:21

"In these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world." (Hebrews 1:2)

"No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him." (John 1:18)

> "This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!" (Luke 9:35)