Family Matters

Sunday Worship

Encouragement Talk: Tyler Blazek

Opening Prayer: Kyle Crain

Scripture Reading: Truett Blazek

Song Leader: John Franks

Table Talk: Casev Thomas

Helper: John Van Baale

Helper: Eddie Bowen

Contribution: Kevin Buckner Helper: Billy Scherry

Fruit of Vine: Billy Lovell

Closing Prayer: Joel Jordan

Announcements: Sandon Spyker

Greeter: Arturo Orozco

Luke 2:15-22

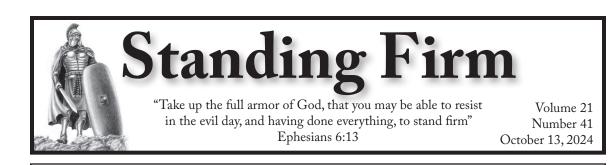
New Caney **Church of Christ** (physical) 19351 FM 1485 (mail) P.O. Box 903 New Caney, TX 77357 281-399-5900 www.NewCaneyChurchofChrist.org Assembly Times Sundays Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays Bible Classes 7:00 p.m. **Retaining The Standard Of Sound Doctrine** Evangelist: Charles Willis 281-841-5718 charleswillisNCCofC@gmail.com **Know Your Bible: Answers** 1. Jericho (Luke 19:1) 2. Joppa (Acts 10:5-20) 3. Dan and Bethel (1 Kings 12:29) 4. Nob (1 Samuel 22:18) 5. Nain (Luke 7:11–18) Sunday Afternoons Oct 13 Group Visitation (no meeting at the building; go with a friend) Oct 20 Nothing

Oct 27 3PM Classroom Quarter Change

Nov 3 3PM Devotionals

This Week's Assignments & Events

Wednesday Evening Song Leader: Arturo Orozco Speaker: Eddie Bowen



Trampled Under Foot

The attitude of Christians are described in Scripture. There are many beautiful descriptions of being justified, cleansed, righteous, holy, and being in fellowship with God. But for a few moments consider what is found in Scripture about Christians who are not faithful to God and return to the world.

"For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries. Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge His people." It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Hebrews 10:26–31).

Sinning willfully. I know I am sinning, and I continue to sin. I habitually sin. I do not repent of my sin. All I should expect is the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries. The fury of God toward the unrepentant sinner. This unfaithful Christian is compared to one who set aside the Law of Moses. They discarded it, ignored it, rejected it. God placed in the Law punishments when there were two or three witnesses. HOW MUCH SEVERER PUNISHMENT if we trample under foot the Son of God? The Son of God has brought about forgiveness of sin through His blood. Jesus *"has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises."* (Hebrews 8:6). But when we go on sinning willfully we have rejected the better covenant and insulted the spirit of grace. We should expect a severer punishment! *"For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge His people."* We know what God has said, we know how God has dealt with the disobedient in the past. If we are living in this state, we should be terrified to face God at the judgment. We DESERVE the severer punishment. That's how God sees us.

Scripture refers to the disobedient Christian as a son of disobedience. It is the same state of being last as described in the first example above. "Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. For it is because of these things that <u>the</u> <u>wrath of God</u> will come upon the sons of disobedience" (Colossians 3:5–6). "But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints; 4 and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things <u>the wrath of God</u> comes upon the sons of disobedience" (Ephesians 5:3–6). The WRATH of God. We should be terrified of such a prospect.

"For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them." (2 Peter 2:20–21). When a Christian continues to sin willfully, to become a son of disobedience, we are in a worse state than before we obeyed the gospel! We have turned away from the commandment, we have trampled under foot the Son of God, have regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which we were sanctified, and have insulted the Spirit of grace. We have no hope of salvation unless we repent. Without repentance, God will take His vengeance on us. Terrifying prospects which should motivate us to obey God and repent we have sinned.

by Charles Willis

Know Your Bible

- Cities
- 1. Where did the tax collector Zacchaeus live?
- 2. Where did Peter have visions of a sheet filled with unclean animals?
- 3. In what two cities did King Jeroboam erect his godlen calves?
- 4. In what town did King Saul massacre 85 priests?
- 5. Where did Jesus raise a widow's son from the dead?

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.



The Simple Gospel

"Now as for you, son of man, I have appointed you a watchman for the house of Israel; so you will hear a message from My mouth and give them warning from Me. When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you will surely die,' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require from your hand. But if you on your part warn a wicked man to turn from his way and he does not turn from his way, he will die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your life" (Ezekiel 33:7–9).

Ezekiel was charged with delivering the message from God. He was told that those who didn't respond to the message would die in their sins. Ezekiel would held responsible if he didn't deliver the message. The responsibility is an awesome one.

Too often we think of spreading the gospel as a complicated or difficult matter. For example: Paul placed himself in danger of physical harm or death when he preached the gospel; Stephen was stoned to death after preaching to the Jews; Peter and the Apostles were beaten for preaching in the temple after they had been commanded not to do so.

The gospel message is simple. If you've obeyed the gospel, you can describe how you did it. Using a simple list of Scriptures, you could spend an hour studying with someone else. Before they leave, provide them with their own Bible if they don't have one. Spend one minute exhorting someone to consider what the Bible says concerning his conduct or speech. Provide someone with a Bible correspondence course or a tract.

The simple steps above resulted in my conversion. No one had to place himself in any danger, explain a Greek word, or describe every passage in the book of Revelation.

Won't you simply spread the simple gospel?

The congregation has some paperback Bibles so you can give one to a friend. There are paper tracts in the foyer, and audio tracts in the form of a handout.

Our website is a good resource to point people to hear sermons and find material to aid in studying Scripture.

We must share the gospel with others - else they will not hear it and be lost.

"How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard?" (Romans 10:14)

by Lowell Koenig