# **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. John the Baptist (Matt. 3:4)
- 2. A cooked lamb, unleavened bread, and bitter herbs (Ex. 12:3–10)
- 3. Honey (Ezekiel 3:3)
- 4. The fatted calf (Luke 15:23)
- 5. Egypt (Numbers 11:5)

### This Week's Assignments & Events Sunday Afternoons

Greeter: Cowin Richardson Feb 9 3PM Weekend Study
Announcements: Arturo Orozco

Encouragement Talk: Josh Emerson
Opening Prayer: Kyle Crain

Feb 16 Nothing

Scripture Reading: Eddie Bowen
Luke 6:47–7:1 Feb 23 3PM Visitation Day

Song Leader: John Franks (no meeting at the chuch building)

Table Talk: Kevin Buckner
Contribution: Billy Scherry

Mar 2 3PM Devotionals

Helper: Ronnie Lightfoot
Fruit of Vine: Tyler Blazek
Wednesday Evening

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Helper: Truett Blazek
Helper: Sandon Spyker
Speaker: Eddie Bowen

Closing Prayer:

Sunday Worship



"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 Volume 22 Number 6 February 9, 2025

## Salvation

### God's Part

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Rom. 5:8)

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all (Rom. 8:32)

For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God (1 Pet. 3:18)

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 Pet. 2:24)

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many. (Matt. 20:28)

Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma (Eph. 5:2)

He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification. (Rom. 4:25)

the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:7)

#### Man's Part

You were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 6:11)

God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe (1 Cor. 1:21)

That every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil. 2:11)

You became obedient from the heart (Rom. 6:17)

Everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven (Matt. 10:32)

Unless you repent, you will all likewise peris (Luke 13:3)

Unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God (John 3:5)

Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38)

#### Who Can Be Saved?

Is salvation limited to those that God has predestined or is it available to all men? John 3:16 says "Whoever believes shall not perish. This means anyone who believes. When the apostle Peter went to see the Gentile Cornelius he said, "I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality, but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him" (Acts 10:34–35). Paul wrote to Timothy saying God "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:4). A fourth passage to examine is Revelation 3:20, "if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me." Over and over the Scriptures teach any man can be saved.

The Bible doctrine of predestination is frequently misunderstood. God predetermined that all who believe in Jesus and are obedient to His world will be saved. It was not the individuals that were predestined, the plan was predestined. "For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son" (Rom. 8:29) {See Ephesians 1:3–12}

All men can be saved if we obey God's word.

### Is "Once Saved, Always Saved" A Bible Doctrine?

This is a puplar teaching among many of the denominations, but is it what God has taught? Do the Scriptures teach once a person is saved he cannot sin so as to fall from the grace of God and be eternally lost? I offer four passages which demonstrate this is a false doctrine.

"I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified" (1 Cor. 9:27). The apostle Paul understood he could so sin as to be lost,

"Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience." (Heb. 4:11). Surely we can understand this is talking about falling away from the Lord!

"My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins." (James 5:19–20).

This is absolutley plain in Scripture. If we "have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame" (Heb. 6:5–6). This passage ends with the ground the receives the rain from God which only bears thorns and thistles and "ends up being burned" (Heb. 6:8). A figurative description of those who have fallen away.

"Once saved, Always saved" is not found in the Bible! (by Charles Willis)

## Know Your Bible

#### Food

- 1. Who was famous as a locust eater?
- 2. According to the Law of Moses, what was the Passover meal composed of?
- 3. What did
  Ezekiel's edible
  scroll taste like?
- 4. What prized animal was killed for food when the prodigal son returned home?
- 5. In what country did the Hebrews feed on cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic?

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



Christianity is a positive and negative law. It contains many things that we are to do and many that we are not to do. There are also a number of things we are told to be, and some we are told not to be. (Chart by *Paul Brock* in 1952)

## BE

## **BE NOT**

Transformed (Romans 12:2)

Wise as serpents (Matthew 10:16)

Filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18)

Doers of the word (James 1:22)

Swift to hear (James 1:19)

Followers of God (Ephesians 5:1)

Wise (Proverbs 8:32)

Sober (1 Peter 4:7; 5:8)

Obedient (Titus 2:9–10)

Separate (1 Corinthians 6:17)

Of one mind (1 Peter 3:8)

Diligent (2 Peter 3:14)

Conformed (Romans 12:2)

Wise in own conceits (Romans 12:16)

Children (1 Corinthians 14:20)

Overcome by evil (Romans 2:21)

Carried about by doctrines (Heb. 13:9)

As the hypocrites (Matthew 6:16)

Unwise (Ephesians 5:17)

Drunk (Ephesians 5:18)

Deceived (1 Corinthians 6:9)

Unequally yoked (2 Corinthians 6:14)

Slothful (Romans 12:11; Hebrews 6:12)



Mark Your Calendar!

## **Devotionals**

March 2nd at 3PM

"if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart" Ecclesiastes 4:12

