

Later He said again that He would “**suffer many things** and be treated with contempt...at their hands” (Mark 9:12; Matt. 17:12; cf. Luke 17:25). He desired to eat the Passover with His disciples, “Before **I suffer**” (Luke 22:15). Upon His resurrection, Christ “presented Himself alive after **His sufferings**” (Acts 1:3) and reaffirmed that it was “necessary for the Christ to **suffer these things**” (Luke 24:26, 46). Amazingly, none of this was a surprise to our Savior, for “God foretold by the mouth of all of His prophets, that that **Christ would suffer**” (Acts 3:18; cf. 26:23). Peter even referred to the Spirit who inspired those prophets as “the Spirit of Christ,” who “testified beforehand **the sufferings of Christ**” (1 Pet. 1:11).

As one would expect, the **suffering** of Christ was a central theme in the preaching of the apostles and early Christians. In fact, Paul’s “custom” involved “explaining and demonstrating that **the Christ had to suffer** and rise again” (Acts 17:3). The writer of Hebrews and the apostle Peter referenced the “**sufferings**” of Christ (by that term) more than any other New Testament writers. Christ came to this earth, being “made a little lower than the angels,” with His eye on “**the suffering of death**” (Heb. 2:9). He “**suffered**” (2:18), yes, He “**suffered** outside the gate” (13:12), and the text says that “He learned obedience” and was made “perfect” “by the things which He **suffered**” (2:10; 5:8).

Peter was particularly sensitive to this matter for a number of reasons, but certainly so because he was “a witness of **the sufferings of Christ**” (1 Pet. 5:1). The apostle not only focused on the fact of Christ’s sufferings, but he gave particular emphasis to the reason “for” it. “Christ also **suffered for us**” (1 Pet. 2:21), yes, He “**suffered for us in the flesh**” (4:1). Why did He suffer for us? “Christ also **suffered once for sins**, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God” (3:18). There you have the whole point. Christ suffered and died. Not for Himself! But for us! And not just “for us,” but “for our sins.” And, why did He do that? “That He might bring us to God!” Thanks be to God for the love of our Savior and for all that He suffered for us!

Order of Service

Opening Remarks	Russell Haydon
Song Leader	Don Petrosky, Jr.
<i>Song</i>	
<i>Song</i>	
Prayer	Sam Phillips
<i>Song</i>	
Communion	Clay Bond Dylan Petrosky
<i>Song</i>	
<i>Song</i>	
Sermon	Clay Bond
<i>Song</i>	
Offering	
Closing Remarks	Russell Haydon
<i>Song</i>	
Dismissal Prayer	Wendell Harrison

Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 30th 5th Wednesday Singing Night
- Nov. 2nd Hymns in the Hill Country
- Nov. 3rd Pot Luck Fellowship

Please check the bulletin board for devotional sign-up!

Wednesday Devotional

Oct. 23rd Sam Phillips

...Prayer List...

Gay Kyle, Tyler, Gary, Tom Barr, Don & Sherri Blackwell, Melvin Wright, Tammy Whitman, Sean Bothwell, Kenneth & Laura Snyder, Logan & Amanda Godfrey, Pete Medina, Casey Jo Engle

Remember our college students who are away at school: Jarrett & Luke Haydon

Shut-Ins: Robbi George

Attendance: Sunday AM: 37 PM: 29 Wednesday: 30 Contribution: \$