Notes



OCTOBER 20, 2019

Meeting Times

Sunday

Bible Class 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Worship 6:00pm

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00pm

Ladies Bible Class meets on Tuesdays at 10am Jesus Suffered for Us - Meditate on That!

David Sproule

The word "suffer," in some form, is found 81 times in the New Testament. It is used of the trials through which Christians go, the physical calamities that come upon individuals, the eternal punishment awaiting the wicked, etc. But more than anything else in the New Testament, the word "suffer" is used (at least 27 times) of Christ and what He endured on behalf of mankind (i.e., on behalf of you and me). Slowly read through and consider what is said.

Christ Himself foretold what awaited Him in the days ahead. He knew that He would "**suffer many things**...be rejected, ad be killed" (Mark 8:31; cf. Matt. 16:21; Luke 9:22).

102 FM 1431 East

Marble Falls, TX 78654 www.lakecountrychurchofchrist.org

(830) 220-8980

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.

Song

Song

Prayer Sam Phillips

Song

Communion Clay Bond

Dylan Petrosky

Song Song

Sermon Clay Bond

Song
Offering

Closing Remarks Russell Haydon

Song

Dismissal Prayer Wendell Harrison

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 30th
 Nov. 2nd
 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: \$