

TIME OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10:00 A.M.
Worship Service 11:00 A.M.
Worship Service 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7:00 P.M.

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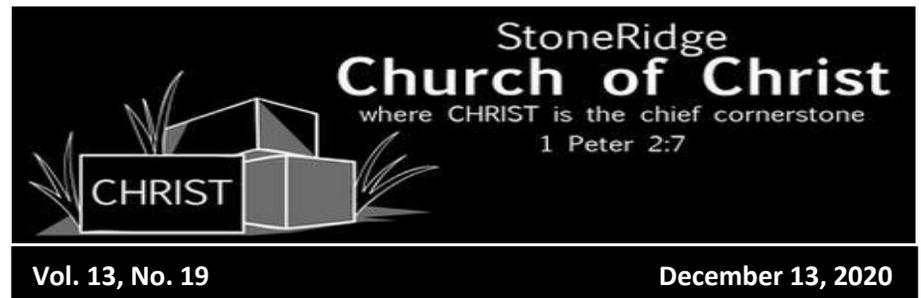
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Jesus Stood The Test

Actually, Jesus was put through many tests and he passed them all without wavering. He was far more loyal to us than we have been to him. Let's notice a few of them.

The test of Embarrassment. He "endured the cross, despising the shame..." (Heb 12:2). Ho embarrassing for the one through whom all things were created to be so terribly treated by his creation! (Col 1:16,17). This occurred before his own mother, his friends, and his enemies.

The Test of Frustration. There are times in life when it seems everything goes wrong. It may reach a point where it seems unbearable and we become rattled and "go over the edge." We react in anger and frustration and often do and say things we shouldn't. Jesus had many opportunities to get rattled and become frustrated , but it didn't happen and it didn't prevent him from going to the cross.

The Test of Loneliness. There could not be a lonelier feeling than being forsaken by God and man (Matt 27:46; Mk 14:50). To have no one there who is on your side to sympathize, empathize, or encourage you to hold out what a test it must have been for Jesus not to have called down the twelve legions of angels to deliver him. Jesus endured the greatest loneliness that could ever be imagined. He did it for you.

The Test of Physical Pain. It is difficult to imagine the agony of a Roman scourging. There was no limitation to thirty-nine stripes as there was in a Jewish scourging. And the thought of having nails driven through your hands and feet is so horrible that we quickly flee to thoughts more pleasant. Many have caved in



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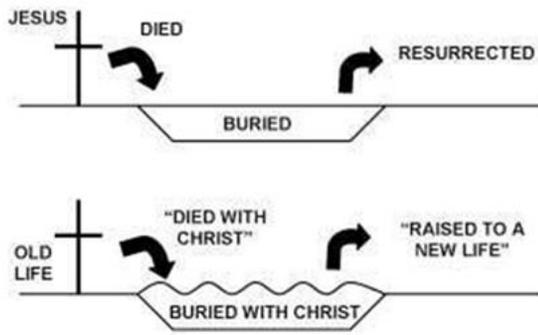
under less severe torture, but not Jesus. He did it for you.

The Test of Mental Anguish. Anguish is that stress brought about by great suffering that comes from worry, grief, pain, and agony. To stand the test of immense frustration, the worst loneliness, severe physical pain, would also bring mental anguish. All of this was coming about by the rejection of his own people for whom he had done nothing but good (Acts 10:38).

The Test of Friendship. We are often blessed with friends who stick by us in trying times. The writer of Proverbs says, "There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (Prov. 18:24). However, sometimes the best of friends will let us down and disappoint us but Jesus never will! How do I know? Ask yourself this question: "Did he let me down at the cross?" Jesus is now seated at the right hand of his Father. If he were ever going to let you down, the cross is where it would have happened. There has never been a more crucial test of friendship than for one who was innocent to undergo such severe torture and a slow, bitter, extremely painful death for another. If his friendship had faltered, we would be miserably and hopelessly lost. There is none better who fits the description of "a friend who sticks closer than a brother."

There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus. No, not one! What a friend! -db (from TRUTH MAGAZINE, 'August 2010))

Romans 6:3-5



News/Notes/Quotes

THE SICK. Pray for **Nathine Huskey, Dean and Pat Markle, Angela Johns,** and **Debbie Spencer** who have Covid 19. **Elizabeth Keller** has been moved to The Springs Nursing Home on Latourette Dr... Remember **Alice Stevens** in their ongoing health challenges... **Charles Bradsher** is at St. Elizabeth's and has been diagnosed with Covid... Continue to pray Steve Land's parents, who are dealing with Covid. Shut-ins: **Beverly Allen** is confined at home...**Charles Bradsher** is at St. Elizabeth's Place...**Gail Brooks** has been unable to be out...**Shirley Coots** is confined at Walnut Ridge Nursing Home...

GOSPEL MEETINGS

April 4-9 – Mickey Galloway of Lancaster, CA



Don't wait for the perfect moment. Take the moment and make it perfect.

Life begins at the end of your comfort zone.

We are safest when we are most aware that we can do nothing without God.

I reckon him a Christian indeed that is neither ashamed of the gospel nor a shame to it. (Matthew Henry)

If it is possible to live the Christian life at any point whatever, it is possible to live it in all the relationships of one's life. (J.C. Penney)

