

# University Heights Church of Christ

BULLETIN  
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## As in Adam All Die

A popular false doctrine teaches that from Adam we inherit the guilt of sin but the Bible teaches that what we inherit from Adam is flesh, not the guilt of sin. The flesh we inherit from Adam is not “sinful flesh”, it is just flesh. It is flesh that can be tempted and sin but it is also flesh that may be tempted and not sin, as in the case of Jesus Christ. **Hebrews 4: 15** “*For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as [we are, yet] without sin.*” If Jesus had not been in flesh He could not have been tempted. God in spirit cannot be tempted with evil. **James 1: 13** “*Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempts he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.*” God in flesh may be tempted with evil as Jesus was, but God in spirit may not be tempted with evil. The reason God became flesh, (**John 1:14**) was in order to share with us in the experience of being tempted and dying. While Jesus was in spirit Jesus could not be tempted with evil and Jesus could not be killed. Because of that it was necessary for Jesus to become the “Son of Man”. **Hebrews 2: 14** “*Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For verily he took not on [him the nature of] angels; but he took on [him] the seed of Abraham. 17 Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like to [his] brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things [pertaining] to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. 18 For in that he himself has suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted.”*

The flesh that we inherit from Adam is a flesh that dies. In order to die Jesus needed to be in the flesh that we inherit from Adam. **Hebrews 2: 9** “*But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.”*

As Adam became the first to die, so Jesus became the first to be raised from the dead never again to die. **1Corinthians 15: 21** “*For since by man [came] death, by man [came] also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.”*

When Jesus was on earth He was God in flesh. He was worshipped from the time He was born, which would have been a sin if Jesus were not God in flesh. When the devil tempted Jesus with hunger the devil tempted Jesus to turn stones into bread, not steal His neighbor's lunch. Jesus was tempted because as God in flesh it was within His power to turn stones into bread. While He was on earth Jesus was God in flesh but the fact that He was in flesh placed certain limits on Jesus.

God in flesh could get tired, hungry or thirsty. God in flesh could be tempted by evil. God in flesh could be killed. And all of that is why God came in flesh. God came in flesh and shared our experience in order to resist all temptation, live a sinless life and die an innocent death so that the sins of the faithful could be punished in His death.

Jesus though sinless died so that all sin could be punished in is death and no sin would go unpunished even though the faithful are forgiven and do not receive the punishment that they deserve. Their sins are punished in the death of sinless Jesus. **Hebrews 19: 10** “*By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once [for all]. 11 And every priest stands daily ministering and offering ofentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: 12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; 13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. 14 For by one offering he has perfected for ever them that are sanctified.”*

Isaiah foretold this event hundreds of years before it happened. **Isaiah 53 5** “*But he [was] wounded for our transgressions, [he was] bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace [was] upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”*

From Adam we each inherit flesh and blood, not the guilt of sin. Jesus also inherited flesh and blood from Adam, not the guilt of sin. **Hebrews 2: 14** “*Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same;” The doctrine that says that the guilt of sin is inherited from Adam is absolute false doctrine. The Bible does not teach that.*

Jesus came to this earth to **die** for our sins and so coming in flesh was necessary. **Hebrews 2:14** “*that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For verily he took not on [him the nature of] angels; but he took on [him] the seed of Abraham.”*

We know that we do not inherit the guilt of sin from Adam because Jesus was made in all things like us and yet Jesus was without sin. (**Hebrews 4:15**) If the guilt of sin was inherited from Adam and Jesus came to be made like us Jesus would have also inherited the guilt of sin. **Hebrews 2:17** “*Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like to [his] brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things [pertaining] to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. 18 For in that he himself has suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted.”* Jesus did not inherit the guilt of sin from Adam and neither does anyone else. All that we inherited from Adam is flesh, not “sinful flesh” but just plain flesh; flesh that has a potential for sin. Jesus inherited everything we inherit from Adam because if that is not true then Jesus was not “in all things made like to His brethren” as the Bible states. In the New Testament the word “flesh” does not mean “sinful nature”. **We know that because we know that Jesus came in flesh but Jesus did not have a “sinful nature”.**

**Hebrews 4: 15** For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as [we are, yet] without sin.

## Remember to Pray For

### OUR GOSPEL MEETING

Carla Ward  
Gail Hunter  
Larry Flannery  
Donnie Joseph  
Lewis Harrod  
Dan Moody  
Alexa Ann Harper  
Cheryl Spear  
Lanny Hiller  
Roselyn Agyare  
Charity and Abdiel Pallafox  
Donnie & Tracy Oliver & their baby  
Helen Stephens will have surgery on  
April 8, in Nashville, TN  
Brayden Grushon  
The mother of Lori Dailey  
Chris Handshoe  
Chris and Jen Dooley  
Jeffrey Howerton  
Ruel Baker  
Addison Pervine  
Carl Stripplehoff  
Sybil Jamison  
Blanch Thompson  
Karen Handshoe continues to be very,  
very ill.  
Tom Kemp  
Freda Blakey  
James Stauffer

### THERE IS STRENGTH IN HAVING NOTHING TO HIDE

Proverbs 28:1 *"The wicked flee  
when no man pursues: but the  
righteous are bold as a lion."*

One of the reasons Christians are  
strong is because they have nothing  
to hide.

2Corinthians 4:1 *"Therefore seeing  
we have this ministry, as we have  
received mercy, we faint not; 2 But  
have renounced the hidden things  
of dishonesty, not walking in  
craftiness, nor handling the word of  
God deceitfully; but by  
manifestation of the truth  
commending ourselves to every  
man's conscience in the sight of  
God."*

Romans 12: 17 *"Recompense to no  
man evil for evil. Provide things  
honest in the sight of all men."*

YOU WILL NEVER FEEL  
COMPELLED TO HIDE WHAT  
YOU HAVE NOT DONE  
SO

IF YOU FEEL YOU WILL  
NEED TO HIDE IT  
DO NOT DO IT  
BECAUSE  
THERE IS STRENGTH  
IN HAVING NOTHING  
TO HIDE

## Thoughts

### THAT'S WHY THEY WERE WRITTEN.

The New Testament books were written in  
order to tell people how to please God. Those  
people to whom the books were first written  
understood that.

**John 20: 30** *"And many other signs truly  
did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are  
not written in this book: 31 But these are written,  
that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the  
Son of God; and that believing you might have life  
through his name."*

Those who wrote the books understood that.

**Luke 1:1** *"Forasmuch as many have taken  
in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those  
things which are most surely believed among us, 2  
Even as they delivered them to us, which from the  
beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the  
word; 3 It seemed good to me also, having had  
perfect understanding of all things from the very  
first, to write to you in order, most excellent  
Theophilus, 4 That you might know the certainty of  
those things, wherein you have been instructed."*

We need to understand as they did, that the  
purpose of the New Testament is to tell us how to  
please God. The will of God has not changed since  
the days of the inspired apostles of the first century  
AD. The New Testament is still the way to find out  
how to please God. Today the New Testament is  
the only way to find out how to please God  
because all of the inspired apostles died long ago and  
the only inspired instruction remaining is the  
information preserved in the pages of the New  
Testament. Today there is no other source of  
information from God to tell us how to please God.

The inspired apostle Paul wrote, **Ephesians  
4:1** *"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech  
you that you walk worthy of the vocation wherewith  
you are called, 2 With all lowliness and meekness,  
with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3  
Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the  
bond of peace. 4 [There is] one body, and one  
Spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your  
calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One  
God and Father of all, who [is] above all, and  
through all, and in you all."*

In following the New Testament there is  
harmony and unity. The confusion and division in  
religion exists because people refuse to follow the  
New Testament preferring instead to follow religions  
of human invention.

Most of the teachings and practices of most  
religious organizations on earth today are things not  
found in the New Testament. That willingness to  
substitute the will of humans for the will of God is  
not new. Jesus condemned it 2000 years ago.

**Matthew 15: 8** *"This people draws near to  
me with their mouth, and honors me with [their] lips;  
but their heart is far from me. 9 But in vain they do  
worship me, teaching [for] doctrines the  
commandments of men."*

WE MUST OBEY THE NEW TESTAMENT

## Notes

On Thursday March 27, John  
Chandler was baptized into  
Christ. John had been studying  
with Marc Nations. John lives in  
London, KY and will be  
worshipping with the Mill Street  
church there.

Men's business meeting next  
Sunday April 13 3:00PM

THE GOSPEL MEETING WITH  
**GARY HENRY** PREACHING IS  
HERE THIS WEEK APRIL 6-11  
7:30 PM EACH EVENING

*Those who bow before God can  
usually stand up to everything else*

Only by faith may we live.  
**Romans 1: 17** *"For therein is the  
righteousness of God revealed  
from faith to faith: as it is written,  
The just shall live by faith."  
Saving faith comes from the  
word of God.*

**Romans 10: 17** *"So then faith  
[comes] by hearing, and hearing  
by the word of God."*

Saving faith is never "faith only".  
**James 2: 20** *"But will you know,  
O vain man, that faith without  
works is dead?"*

**James 2: 24** *"You see then how  
that by works a man is justified,  
and not by faith only."*

## Schedule of Services

### Sunday Morning

Bible Classes 9:45am

Worship Service 10:45am

### Sunday Evening

Worship Service 6:00pm

### Wednesday Evening

Bible Studies for all ages  
7:30pm

### Monthly Song Service

First Friday 7:30pm

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