

<b>passage:</b> 1 Peter 3:18	<b>date:</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> of Jan 2009
<b>title:</b> responding to sacrifice	<b>key verse:</b> 1 Pet 3:18
<b>big idea:</b> How have you responded to the sacrifice Christ has made for you?	

► Do you have any idea how much someone is paying for you to come to this school this year?

- there was something in the paper last week that said
- it cost on average 18 grand a year to send kids to private school
- what's with that
- somebody obviously cares about you

I don't know if you've done the math on that or not but over 6 years

- that's at least 20 thousand dollars

And somebody was prepared to give all that up to send you here...

What are you gonna do with that?

- How are you gonna respnd to that?

I mean it's a huge sacrifice... it's not like money grows on trees

- where just comin out of a drought
- nothins growin on trees at the moment

Yet somehow – someones paid through the nose

- all that cash to get you here today
- I mean scots is a great school... please put your sling shots away
- But someone cares greatly enough about you to bring you here

What are you gonna do about that

- this year... over the next 6... how can you ever pay that sort of sacrifice back?

What sort of person are you

- how do you respond when someone gives up something to help you out?

- The reason I ask how you respond to other people giving stuff up for ya is
  - that's pretty much what the Bible asks you to respond to
  - the whole Bible message is... that someone's made a great sacrifice for you

Look at this passage on the screen... it says

Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous to bring you to God.

I want ya to notice – there's 3 things going on in this passage

- there's sacrifice... there's righteous... and there's unrighteous

Let's talk about the righteous and the unrighteous

- first of all – I want ya to stick cool and not cool in where it says righteous & unrighteous
- so now it says

Christ died for sins once for all, the cool for the not cool to bring you to God.

▼ Have you heard of Chris Rock – he's the Zebra in Madagascar and Madagascar II

- he's in a few Jackie Chan movies
- and whenever he's backed into a corner by his enemies... he says... in his squeaky voice 'we're cool man'... it means... we're okay... things are alright between me and you

Now I want you to know... the very clear claim of the Bible is

- that we are not cool with God... that's what unrighteous means
- We can't just rock up to God and say... 'we're cool man'

Because ... no-one is cool with God... he made us... but we couldn't care less

I just wanna let you in on a secret... when you guys aren't around

- everyone's out there saying teenagers are selfish
- they only care about themselves... you know what... it's true

But there's something else ya need to know

- & the Bible backs this up... so'm I, so are ya parents, so are ya teachers... so's everyone
- At the end of the day... we all care about ourselves more than God

Remember this is the bloke who made us... so we are not cool with God

What we need is someone to step in

- someone to make us cool

▼ That's the cool and the uncool bit... and that's where the sacrifice comes in

See where it says Christ died... he did that... even though he was way cool

- he did that to make us cool with God
- when he died on the cross... he was making a sacrifice... for us
- smoothing things over between us and our maker.....he did that to bring us to God

What are ya gonna do with that

- when someone does somethin like that for you
- how do you respond to such a huge sacrifice?

You know what you should do to repay your parents?

- you should work hard this year... and the next
- you should make the most of what they've done for you

Blow your heart out on the Bag pipes, try your hardest on the sporting field

- study hard... and build good relationships
- that'd be the right thing to do... the right way to respond

▼ What are you gonna do with what Jesus's done for ya?

- how ya gonna respond to that sacrifice

I can tell ya now... I'm not naïve to the fact that a lot of you wont care

- you'll give God the finger

But some of you... and this could be you

- will really appreciate it...
- it'll change your life
- I mean you can never pay back that sort of favour
- But you can spend your life... living in thanks to God

Some of you've already began to respond

- you come to church... to youth group... you listen at chapel

you've prayed and thanked God for Jesus sacrifice...

- that sounds like the right thing to do...

What are you gonna do with the sacrifice Jesus has made for you?

Let's pray