

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## The Rebellion of Man

For someone to write that most people in the world will be lost in eternity would not constitute a statement of profound intellect. In depth study of the bible is not needed in order to understand that fact (Matthew 7:13-14). However, the reasons behind that sad reality should disturb us all.

In our attempts to explain why most of the world's 6 billion people will be lost, more often than not we focus on ignorance as the chief cause. With that conclusion it would be difficult to argue. No doubt many will be lost because they "know not God" ( II Thessalonians 1:7-9) and are "ignorant of God's righteousness" (Romans 10:3). But in this article I want to go deeper than that. *Why* are people ignorant of God's righteousness? *Why* do people not know God? While some might be prone to answer that most people don't know God because they have never heard of Him, I wonder if that is really all there is to it. I submit to you that the Bible teaches that most people will be lost because they will have had little or no desire to learn, accept and be obedient to the truth.

How many times have we thought about the following points? God's ultimate desire for the world is that every person in it be saved (I Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9). Read closely what Paul said to the philosophers of Athens in Acts 17:26-28).

*"And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'"*

Notice that Paul said God created every nation of men "so that they should seek the Lord." In addition, God "is not far from each one of us." Jesus said in Matthew 7:7-8, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives and he who seeks, finds and to him who knocks it will be opened." Jesus also said in John 7:17, "If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority." God loves the world so much that He will providentially work in such a way as to give everyone who has the desire to do His will the opportunity to learn, accept and obey the truth, no matter where that person lives or who he is. So, if it is the case: (1) that God created us so that we would seek Him, (2) that God is not far from anyone (including a gathering of idol-worshipping, heathen philosophers in first century Athens), (3) that God wants everyone to be saved, (4) that God has made salvation possible through Jesus Christ, and (5) that we can and will find the truth if we truly want and seek for it, then why will most people be lost in eternity? Allow Jesus to answer that question.

*"And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed". (John 3:19-20).*

Ultimately, the reason why most people will be lost is because they want to be. No one will be able to stand before God in judgment and blame Him for his lost condition. How could he in the face of all that God will have done, and would have done, for the salvation of his lost soul? If more people were seeking the truth, then more people would be obeying it—for God will see that those who want and seek the truth will find it. The sad reality is that most in our world are like those of Jesus' day who

*“loved the praise of men more than the praise of God”* (John 12:43). May God help us to find those few who are truly seeking to do His will.

### **Prayer Requests**

**Elder McCarty** has not been too well lately. He suffers with congestive heart failure which makes him very weak and short of breath. Please keep Elder in your daily prayers.

**Laura Olivas** is also in need of prayers to help her overcome the depressed feelings she has been having recently. Laura is still recuperating from the surgery she underwent back in November. She is a good friend to Maria Anaya.

### **Concerns Update**

**Anna McGlothlin** was able to go home from the hospital Wednesday, January 27th. She has been in the hospital for a few weeks fighting COPD. Keep her in your prayers.

**Toya Zambelli** (Carie Basaldua's sister-in-law) began her chemo and radiation treatments Wednesday, January 20th at M.D. Anderson Cancer Hospital. Toya is in need of prayers.

Please keep **Linda Horton** (a former member of Eisenhower) in your prayers as she battles cancer.

### **Prayer List**

Lee Roy Bell; Susan Bosse; Mack Bradford; Betty Branson; Bobbie Braun; Neva Carrigan; Hazel Cavanaugh; Steve Chavez; Cruz Coe; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Todd Drake; John Ford; Gloria Garcia; Hattie Gilmore; Kelsey Gomez; Tatum Granado; Anna Groves; Linda Horton; Bobby Hunt; Bryan Jernigan; Susan Lee; Tracy Leeth; Connie Lowe; Jill McAfee; Jack McCarty; Anna McGlothlin; Patty Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Julie Munoz; Laura Olivas; Connie Phelps; Earlene Poses; Elvia Ruckman; Blair Saldana; Andrew Schwarz; Christa Bella Sellers; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; Meta Troutz; Marilyn Upshaw; Teresa Vires; Jill Wallace; Lisa Wells; Carolyn Wilkerson; Haylee Wint; Toya Zambelli

### **Eisenhower's Shut-ins**

We have several dear members of this congregation who, because of illness and/or advanced age, are not able to assemble with us on the Lord's Day for Bible Study and Worship as they would like. They mean a great deal to us and we love them very much. These members are: Mildred Bell; Neva Carrigan; Anna Groves; Roberta Hamil; Winford Hambright; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall, Janelle Shirley, Wilma Squire and Lester Whisenant.

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and the spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

### **Events**

The next **“Family Devotional”** is planned for Sunday, February 21st following our evening service. Everyone is invited

Today is our **Fifth Sunday Services**. We will have a potluck luncheon following our morning service followed by our p.m. service. Everyone is invited especially our visitors.

### **Thank You**

**Laura Olivas** would like to “Thank” everyone for their prayers while she was in the hospital.

## Youth

### Bible Quiz Question...

Which prophet wrote the words, "All we like sheep have gone astray"?

### Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

Dogs licked up the blood of King Ahab.

## FYI

Watch "*In Search of the Lord's Way*" every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on CBS, channel 7.

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the "Speaking the Truth in Love" program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

## Office News

The "New Mexico Children's Home" will be back in Odessa Tuesday, March 1st, 2016 for a food pick up. They are requesting **tomato sauce and tomato paste**. If you can help out with this request it is greatly appreciated. Monetary donations also accepted.

The Tipton Children's Home will be here March 8th-10th for their food drive. They are requesting: Assorted Cereal, Assorted Soup, Ritz Crackers, Assorted Spices, Tomato Sauce, Vegetable Oil, Microwave Popcorn, Enchilada Sauce, Cough Drops, Toilet Bowl Cleaner and Disinfectant Spray.

## Thoughts to Remember...

Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves.

If there is a smile in your heart your face will show it.

## January 31, 2016

	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Craig Wesson	Jacob Carson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Tom Sorenson	Josh Weakland
Second Prayer	Charles Wood	Rudy Ochoa
Closing Prayer	Bill Tolbert	Trinidad Wood
Lord's Supper		
West...	Bill Butler	Bill Brown
	John Carroll	Communion
	Denny Wilson	(In Library)
East...	Cody Wesson	
	Bill Ryan	
	Isaiah Armendarez	

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* : Larry May 638-3990; *Deacon*: Rudy Ochoa 381-0759; *Pulpit*: Chris Butler 362-7486; *Table*: Bill Brown 272-50459; *Song Leaders*: Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; *Recording Duties*: Tony Marrs 553-7349  
*Collections*: Tony Marrs 553-7349

## Sunday AM

"Pilgrimage to Canaan"  
(Exodus 33:7-21)

**Sunday PM**

*"Pure Religion"*

*(James 1:26-27)*

**Our Records**

*Bible Class... 91*

*Morning Worship...138*

*Evening Worship...70*

*Wednesday...93*

*Contribution...\$5,043.25*

*India Relief Fund \$2,178.76*

