

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Buy the Truth and Sell It Not

We are living in a world of buying and selling. Directly or indirectly, we are dependent upon it for our livelihood. In the text for this article (Proverbs 23:23), the commercial terms “buy” and “sell” are used to teach an important lesson relative to the importance of accepting the truth. With this article we want to consider what it means to “buy the truth and sell it not.”

BUY THE TRUTH

Truth is the commodity we are urged to “buy.” With that in mind, we ask the question that Pilate asked of Jesus, “what is the truth?” (John 18:38). First, we see that it is the Word of God (John 17:17). Secondly, we see that Jesus is the manifestation of the truth (John 14:6). Thirdly, we take note that the gospel with its commands, facts and promises is the truth (Acts 26:25; Galatians 2:14). Once we come to the understanding of what the truth is, we ask, why “buy” it? The answer to this question is simple, it will save us (James 1:21) and is needed in every effort to live the Christian life.

BUY ONLY THE TRUTH

We realize that not everything that is sold is as good as it is said to be. We must be careful so as to buy what is authentic and not a “knockoff.” With that understood, we take note that not everything said to be the truth is the truth. Due to this, we need to examine what is said before we “buy” or accept it. We need to examine the doctrine that is taught to verify that it is from God (Acts 17:11; I Thessalonians 5:21). If the Bible teaches it, if it is in harmony with what the Bible teaches, then we should accept it. But if not, it should be rejected! We must discriminate between truth and error (John 5:39). Just about everything of importance has been counterfeited. When it comes to matters of religion, it is important to reject all error, no matter who is teaching it.

BUY ALL THE TRUTH

It is just as bad not to “buy” all the truth as to “buy” what is not truth. Whether we buy a car or a sewing machine we want all of it. It will do no good to have just part of it. When it comes to the Bible, some will accept part of the truth, but not all of it. Some accept the truth concerning the need for salvation, but want to leave out baptism. Others accept the truth when it comes to the need to worship, but want to leave out the Lord’s Supper or congregational singing.

WE MUST BUY THE TRUTH REGARDLESS OF THE PRICE

We need to be willing to “pay” whatever the price is (Lk. 14:26-33). We must be willing to “pay” the price of self-denial (Lk. 9:23). Whatever is necessary, we must be willing to “pay” the price, even to the very point of death (Revelation 2:10).

BUY THE TRUTH NOW

It is not sufficient to hear about it. It is not sufficient to hear and know about it. It is not sufficient to recommend it to others. It is not sufficient to intend to buy it. To be blessed by the truth, we must “buy” or accept it (Mt. 7:21-23; John 8:32; Hebrews 5:9; James 1:22). Scripture teaches the urgency of obeying now (2 Cor. 6:2; James 4:14). Look at all the “cases of conversation” in Acts. Notice that in each case they obeyed when they heard, not putting it off, realizing the urgency of prompt acceptance of God’s Word. Too often we put it off until it is too late and the “damage is done” (Acts 24:25; 26:28).

SELL IT NOT

When “purchasing” the truth, we need to do so as a permanent investment. It should be “purchased” as that which we intend not to part with. We do not “sell” it for livelihood, pleasure or anything else. We are cheated when we bargain it away, even if we do so for the whole world (Mk. 8:36-

37). It is important to buy the truth and sell it not” while we can. Tomorrow may be too late. For those of us who have already “bought” it, we must be careful to not bargain it away as we are drawn away after worldly desires (James 1:14).
—Robert Stapleton

Baptism

Our hearts are glad to learn that **Glenda Driver** was baptized into Christ on Friday, February 1st at the Westside Church of Christ. Larry May had the honor of assisting Glenda in becoming a child of God. Glenda is Loyce Driver’s niece.

Prayer Request

Bill Brown had the first of four chemo treatments on Friday, February 1st. All went well and he received a good report.

Hattie Gilmore who just celebrated her 92nd birthday last Sunday, was sick and could not get out. Please continue to pray for her that she will be well soon.

Devida is requesting prayers for her sister, **Carolyn Morrison**, who will have back surgery March 14th in Columbus, OH.

Sheree Lovejoy (Bill & Vickie Ryan’s daughter) had outpatient surgery February 5th in Rockwall, TX. The procedure went well and Sheree went home that day.

Concerns Update

Melissa Moore was able to be at services last week since having her foot surgery. She had the stitches taken Monday, February 4th. Melissa will have ankle replacement surgery in the near future. Continue to keep her in your prayers that her foot will heal properly.

Verlie Snyder’s surgery went well last month, but now she has the flu and was taken back to the hospital. She is still in need of prayers. Verlie is Devida’s aunt.

Prayer List

Hank & Francis Averette; Brian Basaldua; Dennis Betts; Harshad Bhavsar; Bill Brown; Brad Bundick; Bill Butler; Dana Erwin; Densell Fambro; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Wayne Gunn; Winford Hambright; Roberta Hamil; Letha Hooper; Jennifer Jones; Ora McAfee; Glenna McCarty; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; José Padilla; Sharion Price; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Paisleigh Grace Shepherd; Janelle Shirley; Charles Simmons; Matthew Simmons; Verla Snyder; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; John Wood.

Eisenhower’s Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley; Marilyn Upshaw and Lester Whisenant.

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

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

Where did Abraham come from?

Last Week’s Bible Quiz Answer...

Daniel was thrown into the lion’s den because he would not stop praying unto the God of Heaven.

Events

Watch “*In Search of the Lord’s Way*” every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

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.

Singing Seminar

Myron Bruce will be here to conduct a “**Singing Seminar**” on April 6th and 7th. Please plan to attend and learn more about how we can improve our singing in our worship unto the Lord.

Office News

The “**New Mexico Children’s Home**” will be here Tuesday, March 5th for a food pick up. They are requesting **Aluminum Foil**. Monetary donations are also accepted.

STF Group #2 will have their luncheon this morning in the Annex. All visitors are welcome.

Our “**Spring Quarter Bible Class**” begins Sunday, March 3rd. Please check with a Coordinator if you would like to teach or help in a class next quarter.

SOUND FISHY?

I hate to CARP at you, but I hope you give a HERRING while I exhort you a little bit about Bible Class. Please use your BIG MOUTH to let everyone know. Don’t CLAM up. PERCH on someone’s doorstep and keep inviting them until they come. If a woman shows the slightest inclination to come, SNAPPER up at once. And work on the men too, because MINNOW that they should be in class too. We have plenty of room for everyone—we won’t be packed in like SARDINES. So, stop FLOUNDERING around and ask a friend to come to Bible Class. It will be very good for your SOLE. P.S. If this sounds a little FISHY, I did it on PORPOISE.

“And Jesus said unto them, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” (Mark 1:7)

Via Rush Springs
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Rush Springs, OK

February 10th, 2019

A.M.

P.M.

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

Larry May
Jaxon Straw
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Craig Wesson
Bill Tolbert
Clint Titlow

Larry May
Jacob Carson
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Josh Weakland
Bill Brown
Scot Straw

Lord's Supper
(Scripture Reading)
West...

Doug Guynn
Rudy Ochoa
David Ryan
Josh Wells

Richard Siler
Communion
(In Library)

East...

Bill Ryan
Tom Sorenson
Jeff Wesson

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Larry May - 638-3990 *Deacons*; Josh Wells 770-6753 *Pulpit*; Scot Straw 288-4533 *Table*; Richard Siler 556-22151— *Song Leaders*; Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Sermons*; Tommy Garcia 638-2702 *Collections*; Tommy Garcia

Sunday AM

"The Exclusion"

(Revelations 21:27)

Sunday PM

"Judas"

(Matthew 26:14-16)

Our Records

Bible Class... 74

Morning Worship...123

Evening Worship...75

Wednesday...67

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