

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Can God Do Anything?

One's initial answer to the above question might not be correct. Many times in conversation people are heard to affirm that God can do anything and everything. But do such statements accurately reflect Bible teaching?

It is true that the Bible speaks of God's power, and even says that nothing is impossible for him. God is almighty (Genesis 17:1). He can do all things (Job 42:2). Nothing is too hard for him (Jeremiah 32:17). With God all things are possible (Matthew 19:26). But, these statements are qualified by other passages and are made with the understanding that God can only do all things that are possible to do and that are consistent with his nature and purpose.

In other words, because of the nature of God there are some things that he simply cannot do. Titus 1:2 and Hebrews 6:18 state that it is impossible for God to lie. That is something that God cannot do. It is against his nature. God cannot be tempted with evil (James 1:13). God cannot be unjust (Genesis 18:25), fickle (Malachi 3:6), or unloving (I John 4:8).

In addition, God cannot do things that are logically impossible. Atheists have tried to stump Christians with the question, "Can God create a stone so large that He can't lift it?" Or, "Can God create a building that is larger on the inside than it is on the outside?" These are nonsensical questions. They are impossible on the grounds of their being illogical, not because of a lack of power on God's part.

Can God save a man who is not submissive to His will? If you are talking about ability alone, I guess you could say "yes." Some brethren have been known to reason along this line regarding those who die without having obeyed the gospel. They will say such things as, "Well, I know that John was not baptized, but he was a good man and possessed all the characteristics of a follower of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I can't say whether or not he was saved or lost. We just don't know how God will handle such situations. He certainly has the power to save people in their ignorance."

But is it not the case that God has devised a plan by which man is to be saved, with the stipulation that any man who does not abide by that plan will be lost? ...Certainly 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9. Can you imagine God announcing to everyone on the Day of Judgment, "I know I said in the Bible that in the New Testament age, a person must believe in Jesus and be baptized for the remission of sins in order to be saved, but I really didn't mean it. A person didn't really have to be baptized in order to be saved." It is true that God has never been under obligation to tell us everything about his activity in the world (Deuteronomy 29:29), but whatever things God has done and

will do that we don't know about will not (cannot) contradict the things he has told us about his plan for man. Because God has limited salvation to the plan revealed in the New Testament, then to save someone who has not obeyed it would make God out to be a liar—something that he cannot do. So will God save anyone who is not obedient to the gospel? No. He cannot do that and be consistent with his nature.

Can God do anything and everything? Not in the strictest sense of that question. There are some things God cannot do. Can God do anything that is not against his nature and that is logically possible to accomplish? Yes.

—Eddie Parrish

### ***Sympathy***

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Bessie Peevy**, a former member of Eisenhower. Bessie passed away Tuesday, February 2nd. Her family visitation was held Friday, February 5th at Hubbard Kelly and a graveside service conducted February 6th at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

### ***Prayer Request***

**Elder McCarty** is not doing well. He was scheduled for a blood test and echocardiogram last week.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Betty Branson** is continuing to improve.

**Ann Wilson** (Denny's mother) has made some improvements as she struggles with sepsis, staph infection and pneumonia.

**Anna McGlothlin** was moved to Madison Health Resort for extended health care. Anna has congestive heart failure and COPD.

### ***Prayer List***

Lee Roy Bell; Susan Bosse; Betty Branson; Bobbie Braun; Neva Carrigan; Steve Chavez; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Todd Drake; John Ford; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Linda Horton; Bobby Hunt; Bryan Jernigan; Helen Jones; Susan Lee; Tracy Leeth; Connie Lowe; Jill McAfee; Anna McGlothlin; Elder McCarty; Jack McCarty; Anna McGlothlin; Patty Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Julie Munoz; Laura Olivas; Connie Phelps; Earlene Poses; Elvia Ruckman; Andrew Schwarz; Christa Bella Sellers; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; Toya Zambelli

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

Mildred Bell; Neva Carrigan; Anna Groves; Roberta Hamil; Winford Hambright; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall, Janelle Shirley, Wilma Squire and Lester Whisenant.

### ***Events***

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

## **Youth**

### **Bible Quiz Question...**

Where were the bones of Joseph buried?

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

Luke (Chapter 3:23-38) is the gospel that traces Jesus's family all the way back to Adam.

## **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.

## **Thank You**

To all at Eisenhower, Thanks for all the calls, cards, goodie baskets, visits and mostly, all the prayers for me and my family. We miss you all.

In Christian Love, Neva Carrigan

## **Office News**

We are in need of "**Bible Class Teachers**" for the Spring Quarter. If you are able to teach the next quarter please let one of the Bible Class Coordinators know. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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.**

## LOVE AND HATE

*"Therefore all your precepts concerning all things I consider to be right; I hate every false way."*

*Psalm 119:128*

In the "Scripture Thought" above, no doubt you noticed that children of God must learn what to hate and what to love (Psalm 119:128). We must love God with all our hearts (Matthew 22:37), while learning to "*hate every false way.*" What we hate will also shape what we love. If we hate falsehood, we will also love the truth. If we hate sin, we will love righteousness. If we hate injustice we will also love fairness and equity. If we love God's truth as revealed in His Word, we will oppose and seek to defeat every teaching which is out of harmony with it. If God's Word is "right" in every respect, then anything which contradicts it is wrong and cannot be right. We must have both holy love and hatred!

—Bulletin Digest

### **February 14, 2016**

#### **A.M.**

Announcements Allen Weakland  
Song Leader Craig Wesson  
Sermon Allen Weakland  
Opening Prayer Allen Weakland  
Scripture Richard Siler  
Second Prayer Bill Brown  
Closing Prayer John Wood

#### **P.M.**

Allen Weakland  
Cody Wesson  
Allen Weakland  
Allen Weakland  
Josh Weakland  
Scot Straw  
Bill Ryan

Lord's Supper

West...

Cody Wesson

Scot Straw

Dylan Straw

East...

Jeff Wesson

Charles Wood

Isaiah Armendarez

Chris Butler

Communion

(In Library)

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* : Allen Weakland 362-1403; *Deacon*: Bill Ryan 272-5507; *Pulpit*: Bill Butler 362-7486; *Table*: Chris Butler 362-7486; *Song Leaders*: Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; *Recording Duties*: Rudy Ochoa 432-214-0398 *Collections*: Rudy Ochoa 432-214-0398

### **Sunday AM**

*"Honk"*

*(Proverbs 6:6-11)*

### **Sunday PM**

*"Calming the Storm"*

*(Mark 4:35-41)*

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class... 79*

*Morning Worship...109*

*Evening Worship...53*

*Wednesday...70*

*Contribution...\$4,512.50*



