

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Is Christianity Worth It?

“For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly” (Psalm 84:11).

One of Satan’s greatest sales pitches is, “You are missing out on life! Christianity is not worth the cost!” Many souls have forsaken the Lord to “enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season” (Hebrews 11:25), and have had their minds blinded by “the god of this world” (2 Corinthians 4:4), to follow after the “lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life” which are not of the Father, but of the world (1 John 2:15-17).

Young people say, “Heaven is too far away. I can live it up now and repent later.” Young adults say, “I am too busy with my job, responsibilities and the children.” Older people say, “The fight has been too long and hard, I just cannot go on.” Thus, soldiers desert their Master’s service to join the enemy.

These deserters fail to realize they are exchanging the real life for a counterfeit one of lies and sadness. Jesus promised an abundant life to His, followers and the more one strives to be like Him, the fuller his life will be! Although Christians undergo hardships (2 Timothy 3:12), they are promised it will not be more than they can bear (1 Corinthians 10:13). When the devil’s discouraging discourse damages your faith, remember only Christians are promised:

The Privilege of Prayer (1 Peter 3:12). Only God’s children have His ear in prayer. The Bible plainly teaches that the sinner cannot petition God’s blessings (Proverbs 1:28; 15:29; 28:9; James 5:16; 1 Peter 3:12) but that He will hear and help those who love Him (Psalm 55:22; Matthew 6:25, 33; Hebrews 13:5; 1 Peter 5:7). What a blessing to open the depths of our hearts to the One who has all the answers! There is power in prayer to change lives! Christians need to pray for the nation (Proverbs 14:34), the church (1 Peter 4:7), the home (Ephesians 6:4, the spreading of the Gospel (2 Thessalonians 3:1), workers in the harvest (Matthew 9:38), the sick (James 5:14), elders (Acts 20:28) and all men (1 Timothy 2:1). With this in mind, we “ought always to pray and not to faint.” (Luke 18:1).

The Perfect Peace Which Passeth All Understanding (Philippians 4:7) “There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked” (Isaiah 48:22). But for the Christian, “the peace of God ... shall keep your hearts and minds” (Philippians 4:7). The world makes great promises of happiness and peace which lure men into sin but never deliver anything but sorrow. Saints have all they need in the mighty fortress of God and can rest easy when they pillow their heads at the close of the day. “The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace” (Psalm 29:11).

The Powerful, Protective Providence of God (Psalm 37:25) The Almighty Creator loves all men (John 3:16) but He provides for His children in a special way (Romans 8:28). Non-Christians are provided with the blessing of living in God’s creation and temporal blessings but miss every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3-7), for these are found only in

Christ. Christians should not worry about physical needs because the Lord has promised to take care of them (Matthew 6:31-34). While we cannot definitely know what is and what is not providence (cf. Est. 4:14; Philemon 15), we do know that God works for His children (in a non-miraculous way, 1 Corinthians 13:8-10). What a blessing to the faithful Christian!

The Bible teaches that every disciple should “count the cost” (Luke 14:28). Although the Christian way is sometimes rocky and littered with thorns, is not salvation worth every hardship? Never forfeit the blessings of a loving Savior for the lies of a hateful enemy!

—Allen Webster

Prayer Request

Bessie Chadwick (Virgie Bartee’s mother) has gotten over her double pneumonia but now has what they call, Covid amnesia. Bessie is very weak and was to be released from the hospital to be taken to an extended physical care center for approximately 20 days. However, her stay depends on how fast her strength returns. Prayers are requested for Bessie for a return to good health.

Icsel Herrera has requested prayers for her sister, **Nabil**, who is expecting her baby soon. Please keep her in your prayers that the delivery will go well and that she gives birth to a healthy baby.

Prayer List

Wayne Anderson; Maria Baeza; Betty Branson; Naomi and Adelynn Bustillos; Glenna Callendar; LaDonna Chism; Cathy Eastwood; Ann Ellison; Mark Erwin; Paul Gunn; Doug Gynn; Lon & Lana Howard; Charles Lewis; Jason Moore; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Rudy Ochoa; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Terresia Weaver; Luke Wells; Carolyn Wilkerson; Ron Williams; Bill Wood; John Wood,

Eisenhower’s Shut-ins

Glenna Callendar; LaVerne Couch, James & Joyce Drake; Ronda Lyne; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley & Marilyn Upshaw.

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

Events

Watch “*In Search of the Lord’s Way*” Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9.

Youth

Bible Knowledge ... “Third Time’s a Charm”

Peter denied Christ three times (Matthew 26:34)

Jesus rose after three days (John 2:19)

Paul was blind for three days (Acts 9:9)

Esther fasted for three days before she spoke to King Ashasuerus. (Esther 4:16)

Office News

The items requested for our “**Food Pantry**” for the next two weeks are: mustard, ketchup and one gallon bottles of water. (plastic only)

Our “**Vacation Bible School**” this summer has been scheduled for July 24th-26th. The theme is: “The Flood.”

A “**Teacher’s Appreciation Banquet**” is scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd in our Annex. Adam Orr will be our guest speaker.

We will have a “**Potluck Luncheon**” next Sunday, following our A.M. service. All our visitors are welcome to join us.

Food for Thought

The man who believes he can do something is probably right, and so is the man who believes he can’t.

When you think about it, success is really picking yourself up one more time than you fall down.

One Thing is Needful

Have you ever asked yourself, “where has all the time gone?” It seems to me, and I am sure to you also, that time seems to disappear, and we do not know where it went. Time is a very rare commodity and, therefore, we should make the best possible use of it. In the book of Luke, we find the Lord Jesus was One who knew how to use His time in a most proficient way. Wherever He went, He tried to communicate with others the most important thing, the Word of God Himself. In Luke 10:38-40, we find Jesus at the house of Mary and Martha, the two sisters of Lazarus (whom Jesus had resurrected from the dead), and also very good friends of the Lord Jesus.

What happened here can teach us lessons on how to make better use of our time. In Luke 10:38-40, we read: “Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus’ feet, and heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, doest thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me.” Here are two good friends of the Lord who received Him into their home, concerned with two very different things. One was concerned with serving, the other with learning the Word of God. Martha was so concerned with serving that she was cumbered, she was anxious, even to the point that she asked the Lord to tell Mary to help her.

The Lord answered Martha that she was troubled about many things, yet there was one thing needful and Mary had chosen it. How many hours do we spend during the week doing things that pertain only to our temporal lives, and yet spend so little time with the Word of God, which is beneficial not only in this life but in the life to come? Based on your daily habits of using your time, do you identify more with Martha or with Mary? Let us be like Mary. Then we will have chosen that which is better.

—Al Macias

February 19, 2023

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Jeff Wesson
Cody Wesson
Allen Weakland
Jeff Wesson
David Ryan
Jacob Carson
Doug Guynn

P.M.

Jeff Wesson
Oliver Hernandez
Allen Weakland
Jeff Wesson
Isaiah Armendarez
Tommy Garcia
Caleb York

Lords Supper

Tommy Garcia
Phil Halbert
Bill Ryan
Gary Loving

Jon Roemisch
Communion
(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Jeff Wesson 556-5547 *Deacon:* Jacob Carson 940-3775 — *Pulpit:* Richard Siler 556-2151 — *Table:* Jon Roemisch 202-7725 — *Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Recording Sermons:* Steve Easlon 260-9716 — *Collections:* Steve Easlon

Sunday AM

“Faith of Moses”
(Hebrews 11:24-29)

Sunday PM

“Little Maiden”
(2 Kings 5:1-4)

Our Records

Bible Class... 41
Morning Worship... 105
Evening Worship ... 62
Wednesday... 69
Contribution... \$5,605.77