

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## The Same (Part 1)

### The Same Gospel

Paul wrote, by inspiration, to Timothy, ***“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also”*** (2 Timothy 2:2).

Timothy was to preach the same thing Paul preached, the same Gospel. The result of their preaching the same thing, there would be no cause for division, and no temptation for one to use deceit to win followers to a different doctrine (of men). If one were to obey the Gospel according to Paul’s preaching and another obey the Gospel according to Timothy’s preaching, there would be no discord between them. Paul and Timothy preached the same Deliverer and the same destiny to those who heard and heeded the saving message.

Let us see what Paul preached. ***“Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual”*** (1 Corinthians 2:13). Paul preached what the Holy Spirit revealed to him. He spoke (wrote) words not from man, but from God. He wrote: “For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe” (1 Thessalonians 2:13). To the Galatians Paul affirmed: ***“I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ”*** (Galatians 1:11-12).

Would that all who claim to be preachers would preach the same thing, God’s truth (John 17:17). Paul was not ashamed of it, but many today seem to be. Why can they not say as Paul: ***“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek”*** (Romans 1:16)?

If we follow, teach and practice the same, unity will be an inevitable consequence. That is what Paul encouraged the divided church at Corinth to do. ***“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among you; but that we be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment”*** (1 Corinthians 1:10-13). Brethren in Christ, walk by the same rule (Philemon 3:16), speak the same thing, have the same mind and the same judgment!

What will that do for a church? There would be “no divisions.” Christ would be uplifted. God would be glorified. Souls would be saved. The church would grow in the right way. Energies and talents could be used for fighting Satan and winning the world to Christ instead of fighting one another. Those are noble and desirable reasons to walk in the same way.

What way is that? It is the only way all who hear, obey and follow the same Gospel. Paul told the Corinthians: ***“I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I***

*delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures”* (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

The Gospel did not change when Paul went to Thessalonica, Ephesus, Colosse, Philippi or anywhere else. He preached the same thing. When he went into Macedonia, he left Timothy at Ephesus to: *“charge some that they teach no other doctrine”* (1 Timothy 1:3). If they preached “no other doctrine” they surely could not preach a different doctrine from what God revealed through the Spirit!

—Bobby Liddell

### ***Remember in Prayer***

**Colton and Corben Sorenson** (Tom & Bonnie’s grandsons) both are in need of prayers. **Colton** had an accident at school where his forehead was severely wounded which later became infected causing much damage. Colton is facing reconstructive surgery. And, **Corben** had a seizure in the car on the way to school. His mom called 911 and he was taken to the ER. Corben was to undergo testing to see the cause of his seizure.

**Janice Smith** is dealing with a serious A-fib problem. She is in A-fib eight to ten hours every day. The doctor has her on two blood thinners. She says she has to be in a place where she can handle it when it happens. Keep Janice in your prayers.

Also, several of Janice’s family members have faced serious health issues in the last few months. Her son-in-law, **Shane Lester**, was taken to the ER in late October due to shingles and something else that eight doctors could not diagnose. Many tests were run with no results. Shane was in the hospital for a month. He lost 60 lbs. during that time. Shane was put on high antibiotics and finally was able to go home. He needs prayers.

**Alisha Smith**, Janice’s daughter-in-law, was rushed to the hospital just before Christmas with a ruptured colon due to diverticulitis. Due to the severity of the poison, 12 inches of her colon had to be removed. Her condition was very critical. She is okay now.

**Makenna Conner**, Janice’s granddaughter, was hit from behind at a red light in Colorado recently. When she got out of her car to see the damage, two males got out of their car approaching her. She fought the one that got in her car, but he hit her in the chest and drove off with her car. Her purse, nursing papers and things she needed to start her new job at the hospital there was in the car. Luckily, she had her cell phone in her pocket. The police found her car later and one male was apprehended.

### ***Prayer List***

Wayne Anderson; Maria Baeza; Betty Branson; Naomi and Adelynn Bustillos; Glenna Callendar; Bessie Chadwick; Nabil Garcia Chaires; LaDonna Chism; Cathy Eastwood; Ann Ellison; Mark Erwin; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Lon & Lana Howard; Charles Lewis; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Rudy Ochoa; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Terresia Weaver; 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.

## Office News

The items requested for our “**Food Pantry**” for weeks March 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>: canned soups or soup packets and one-gallon bottles of water.

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

### Why Were They Hated So?

God sent His Son into the world to save man. While here He went about doing good. There was no sin pertaining to Him. Multitudes flocked around Him and recognized Him as One sent from God. He taught truth; He urged brotherliness; His way when followed brought harmony and peace even as it will now. But in spite of all of this, Jesus was hated. He was the object of jealousy. He was the target of plots and schemes to do Him harm. Some hung to His words, not to be benefited, but to find fault. How could men hate such a one as Jesus?

Jesus was not hated because He was gentle and kind. He was not hated because He healed the sick, raised the dead, brought glad tidings of joy to even the poor and lowly. He was not hated because He taught love, or because He extended forgiveness of sins. None of these things caused people to cry out against Him. Why would one hate one like Jesus?

Jesus was hated because He condemned the sins of His hearers. He exposed their hypocrisy and evil. He rebuked their transgressions and double-standards. Loving their own way more than the way of God, they were offended that He said what He did, and they would have no more of Him. They would rather drive Him from them than to conform to the truth that He taught. It was not His positive preaching that provoked their hatred. It was His negative preaching. If Jesus had been the “positive” preacher, like some want today, He would have gotten along fine. But, because He did the will of the Father who sent Him, He also preached those “negative” sermons against which many rebelled then, and some, even in the church, rebel now.

Jesus was hated for the same reason Paul was persecuted and driven from place to place. Truth was not what was wanted. Because Paul would not compromise with error, would not be silent when error raised its head, but reprovved, rebuked, as well as exhorted, people hated him, as they hated Christ — and those who preach like them even yet.

— James W. Boyd

<b>March 5th, 2023</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
Announcements	Don Easlon	Don Easlon
Song Leader	Jon Roemisch	Steve Easlon
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Don Easlon	Don Easlon
Scripture	Trini Wood	Gary Loving
Second Prayer	Jr. Munoz	Tommy Garcia
Closing Prayer	Larry May	Jeff Wesson
<b>Lords Supper</b>	<u>Oliver Hernandez</u>	Craig Wesson
	Steve Easlon	Communion
	Bill Ryan	(In Library)
	Richard Siler	

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Don Easlon 288-5834 *Deacon:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332 —*Pulpit:* David Ryan 512-924-0983 —*Table:* Craig Wesson 934-4633 — *Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 —*Recording Sermons:* Rudy Ochoa 214-0398 — *Collections:* Craig Wesson

**Sunday AM**

*“Deceived”*

*(Joshua 9:1-6)*

**Sunday PM**

*“Overcoming Negative Thinking”*

*(John 6:1-13)*

**Our Records**

*Bible Class... 76*

*Morning Worship...106*

*Evening Worship ... 51*

*Wednesday...80*

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