

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Let Justice Roll Down

Sometimes little snippets of scripture make their way into popular culture. Thus, a character in a film may observe that someone's actions are an example of "an eye for an eye". Or, we may hear someone glibly speak of "doing unto others..." Very often these particles of scripture are snatched from their biblical context and applied in ways never intended by scripture. An example of this is the phrase, "let justice roll down".

Civil rights advocates often use this phrase in reference to obtaining social justice for ethnic minorities. The idea is that justice is not being served when these individuals are discriminated against, or are denied their rights as citizens of this country. Naturally every honest-hearted American wants all citizens to enjoy the rights that our Constitution guarantees. We want justice to be served, but is this what these words of scripture actually mean?

The phrase "let justice roll down" appears in Amos 5:24 and it is spoken by God Himself. However, in the context of Amos it has more to do with faithfulness to God than with social injustice. The message of Amos was a call for God's people to return to faithfulness. Social injustice was one of the problems that plagued Israel at that time, but this was just a symptom of Israel's unfaithfulness to God. This is especially the case in the immediate context of Amos 5:24.

In vs. 21-24 God said, "I hate and reject your festivals, nor do I delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer up to Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings. I will not even listen to the sound of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." God's call for justice to roll down like waters was a call for Israel to be obedient to His law. If they would do this, their worship would then be acceptable to Him, and social injustice would end.

This is the lesson that we must take from Amos. The only certain cure for social injustice is to return to faithful obedience to God's word. Any attempt to rectify social problems devoid of God's word is fruitless. This ought to be abundantly evident. Our country has been beset by calls for social justice for more than half a century, and has been engaged in multitudes of focused efforts to bring this about. Nevertheless, we still struggle with these issues. We still struggle because our efforts have focused on the symptoms and not on the actual cause of social injustice.

Until individuals acknowledge their sins and seek God's forgiveness in accordance with His word, we will never have the social justice we all desire. Until our nation acknowledges the rightful place of God's word to direct our path, we will never overcome the issues that plague us. Until we truly become "one nation under God" we will continue to experience oppression and injustice, and no amount of self-righteous pontificating by our leaders will change this.

In I Timothy 4:8b Paul said, *"But godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come."* This is a fundamental truth that we all need to acknowledge. If we pursue godliness, as God's word directs us, then we will be the kind of people we ought to be and our society will be better as well. Only then will justice roll down like waters in the fullest sense of what God intended.

—Fred Dominguez

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Effective April 1st, 2015, the "Eisenhower Edifier" will no longer be mailed out. It was decided that since the "Edifier" is posted to the church's website each week, mailing the printed copy is unnecessary. If you would like to keep up with the current news, please visit our Website ...Eisenhowerchurch.org and click on "Edifier" then select the date you wish to read.

Sympathy

Our condolences go out to Don Cavanaugh in the loss of his sister, **Patsy Lee**. Patsy passed away with complications from diabetes on Wednesday, March 11th in San Angelo. She had been in a nursing home for several years. Graveside services were conducted Thursday, the 12th in San Angelo.

We would like to express our sympathy to the family of **Jerry Anderson**. Jerry passed away Wednesday, March 11th in Abilene, TX. He was a good friend to Susan Simmons.

Prayer Request

Connie Lowe is requesting our prayers. She will be going back to M.D. Anderson so her doctor can check out the area in her back which has been causing a lot of pain.

Burt Groves fell Tuesday morning, March 17th and was taken to Medical Center Hospital. Burt has a broken rib. He is in CCU—#15.

Brenda Simmons, sister-in-law to Susan Simmons, has started taking chemo treatments for bladder cancer. She will have a treatment once a week for about six weeks then undergo testing to see what affect the chemo had on her cancer. Brenda lives in Loxley, Alabama.

Inocencio Munoz, Sr., is having health issues at this time and the family is requesting prayers for him. Inocencio is Jr. Munoz's father.

Concerns Update

Bill Bayless is at Madison Health Resort. He is being treated for thrush. Bill has not been eating very much at all. He needs our prayers.

Caleista Millican was taken to Parks Methodist for her rehab. She is in room #301.

Prayer List

Elaine Armentrout; Cody & Kala Ausbrook; Bill Bayless; Paxton Basaldua; Velma Betts; Susan Bosse; Elsie Bradford; Beth Carrell; Neva Carrigan; Don & Hazel Cavanaugh; Ruby Davis; Dayton Dennard; Jewell Bettes-Dennard; Doug Dowell; James Drake; Jake & Summer Finley; John Ford; Hattie Gilmore; Burt & Anna Groves; Winford & Jean Hambright; Linda Horton; Bobby Hunt; Lon Howard; Susan Lee; Kathy Marshall; Shannon McAfee; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Caleista Millican; Loy Mitchell; Juan & Estella Morolez; Allison & Nathan Moyers; Judy Phillips; Evan Rector; Elvia Ruckman; Carmen Settle; Charles Simmons; Nancy Slife; Marilyn Upshaw; Bré elle Watts; Lisa Wells; Bill Wood; Wilene Wright

Shut-Ins

Mildred Bell; Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Kathy Marshall, Janelle Shirley, 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 **New Mexico Children's Home** food drive will be Tuesday, June 2nd, 2015. They are requesting Cinnamon and Cream of Wheat. There are still coin cans available if you would like to collect change for them to be picked up in June.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

Birth of Moses... What book and chapter in Old Testament?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

Acts chapter 5 is where you can read about the sin of Ananias & Sapphira.

FYI

Denny Wilson is hosting a weekly radio program called **"Take Aim"** at 6:30 each Tuesday night. Tune your radio program to the gospelradionetwork.org. Feel free to please pick up a business card on the youth table in the foyer.

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.

Upcoming Wednesday Night

Devotional Speakers

March 25th—Larry May
April 1st—Craig Wesson

Song Leaders

Denny Wilson
Jacob Carson

Thank You

To the Eisenhower Church: I just want to say "Thank You" for the birthday card you sent me. It was a thoughtful gesture and I enjoyed reading it so very much and wanted to express my appreciation to you all. In Christian Love, Janelle Shirley

Eisenhower Church of Christ, Thank you for the donation of \$128.00. We really appreciate you!
Margaret Burton "Meals on Wheels"

Office News

Odessa Christian School's **"Eighteenth West Texas Christian Track Meet"** is right around the corner, April 18th, at Ratliff Stadium.

Wedding Shower...

There will be a co-ed **"Wedding Shower"** honoring Craig Wesson and Kallie Culp Sunday, April 12th from 2-4 pm at Bonnie Sorenson's home. This is to help celebrate this couple's upcoming marriage Saturday, May 16th. Selections: Target, Dillard's & Bed, Bath and Beyond.

"Strengthening the Family" Group #4 will meet in the Annex for a potluck luncheon following this morning's service. All the visitors are invited to join them.

Our **"2015 Summer Series"** is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3rd — August 26th — Time is 7:00 p.m. The theme for this year is entitled "Abundance in Christ". Please invite your family members, friends and neighbors.

March 22, 2015

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Charles Wood
John Carroll
Allen Weakland
Charles Wood
Scot Straw
Jeff Wesson
Larry May

P.M.

Charles Wood
Craig Wesson
Allen Weakland
Charles Wood
Isaiah Armendarez
Josh Wells
Jr. Munoz

Lord's Supper

West...	John Wood Don Easlon Bill Butler	Ed Fisher Communion (In Library)
East...	Craig Wesson Ed Fisher Jr. Munoz	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* Charles Wood 528-1565 *Deacon:* John Wood—230-0689 *Pulpit:* Chris Butler 362-7486 *Table:* Ed Fisher 563-0349 *Song Leaders:* Denny Wilson 325-340-2291 *Recording Duties:* Rudy Ochoa—214-0398 *Contributions:* Rudy Ochoa—214-0398

Sunday AM”

“Three Tests of Christianity”
(1 John 5:1-5)

Sunday PM

“Jesus Calms the Storm”
(Mark 4:35-41)

Our Records

*Bible Class...*80
*Morning Worship...*113
*Evening Worship...*85
*Wednesday...*87
Contribution...\$4,699.00

