

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Our sins and Their Consequences

Every sincere Christian has probably felt the same emotion the apostle Paul did when he wrote that he was “less than the least of all saints” (Ephesians 3:8). No one, except God, knows the unholy thoughts, the less than pure motives and the unrighteous deeds that have stained my life better than I do and I suspect the same is true in your life as well. Who can remember the total number of such transgressions we committed in the passing of a single week in that period before we became Christians? We can only say there were many.

Some were much worse than others is a fact that all admit. Those of us who were total reprobates may have averaged a sin a minute. Every other word was profanity or a curse. The filth poured out of our mouths in a never-ending putrid stream. We swore and blasphemed all that was holy. We lied, stole, committed fornication and drank until we were senseless. We swindled, deceived and cheated those around us. We hated and slandered and were hated and slandered in return, then we fought those we hated. All this seemed normal, for we were people of the world, and this is the way of the world. It is also the way of death, for our sins piled up to massive proportions.

Lest you compare yourself with reprobates and begin congratulating yourself for not being as bad as they are, you should look candidly at your own life before you were baptized and see the mountain of sins for which you were liable. You may not have been as depraved as some—perhaps you exercised some semblance of restraint much of the time. Still, if one word were chosen which would characterize your life, would it not have to be “selfishness”? Even those good things you said and did were not to glorify your heavenly Father, were they? They were really motivated by selfishness, and, of course, all your actions and words were not righteous. Indeed, can you even give a ballpark figure of the number of times you committed sinful acts, spoke sinful words, and had sinful thoughts? When you add together all the weeks and years you lived in rebellion to God, even a rough estimate of all those offenses is truly staggering!

It should also be remembered that this is true of every human of accountable age. The most polished gentleman, the daintiest woman, the rich, the powerful, the poor, the beautiful, the plain, the celebrity, the professor, the student, the tribesman, the scientist—and you and me; we all alike stand condemned and hopeless because of the sins each one of us has committed.

Facing the enormity of my sins, I forget, at least for a moment, what others have or have not done. Divine justice demands the forfeit of my life as payment for my sins (Romans 6:23), and though I deserve it, this places me in a completely hopeless position from which I cannot extricate myself. I am not alone, however, for my condition is also the dilemma of every other soul on this planet.

It is only as we comprehend what spiritual death is (separation from God and His blessings), and what our utter hopelessness involves, that we can truly appreciate what Christ did on our behalf. It was not because we were such beautiful people, or so worthy, that the Son of God willingly emptied Himself of His glory and came to this earth. He endured the insults and abuse, the blasphemy and rejection of those He came to save, because He loved His heavenly Father above all things, and He loved man with a perfect love. He was determined to do the will of His Father because true love for God can only be expressed in this way (1 John 5:3; 2 John 6). He willed that which was good for man to such an extent He was willing to bear the humiliation, the physical pain, and spiritual agony of Gethsemane and the cross to do for man what man was unable to do for himself. He gave His life and shed His blood to pay what divine justice demanded from each one of us.

It is impossible to fully comprehend the depths of such a love, but we glory in it and are thankful for it far beyond our ability to express in mere words. However, God tells us that men

always express true appreciation and love by being drawn to that One who gave so much for them (John 12:32) and submitting, through faith, to the conditions their Savior gave by which they can be saved from their sins (John 14:15).

—Al Brown

### **Prayer Request**

**Sylvia Campos** fell at her home last Thursday and broke her right wrist. A temporary splint was put on at the Urgent Care. Sylvia saw an orthopedic doctor on Wednesday, March 23rd.

**Carolyn Wilkerson** is having a problem with low blood sugar levels. Her doctor is trying to get her blood sugar regulated.

**Hattie Gilmore** had an MRI done on her head last Monday. She is having double vision.

**Vanessa Machuca** (Sylvia Campos' daughter) has fluid on her lungs and saw a cardiologist last Monday. Vanessa may need another heart valve replacement surgery in the near future. She had a replacement done twelve years ago. Keep Vanessa in your prayers.

Jo Ann Cirko (a longtime friend of Devida's) has requested our prayers for her granddaughter, **Jessica McQuisten**, who was born with hip dysplasia. She is having a really rough time in high school with this disability. Her handicap has affected her both physically and mentally. Jessica needs prayers.

### **Concerns Update**

**Glenna Callendar** was **not** able to have her heart oblation surgery on the 17th due to her blood being too thin. Glenna will reschedule the surgery for some time in April. Continue to keep her in your prayers.

**David Ryan** is waiting for his test results on his back scans he had done in Dallas two weeks ago.

### **Prayer List**

Dr. Hank Abrams; Sheila Alcazar; Maria Anaya; Wayne Anderson; Betty Branson; Bill and Mary Brown; Glenna Callendar; LaDonna Chism; Dana Erwin; Philip Garza; Hattie Gilmore; Doug Guynn; Lon Howard; Ora McAfee; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Chassidy Rayos; Carlos Reyes; Daniel Reyes; David Ryan; Lisa Salas; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Lisa Wells; Janet Wesson; Carolyn Wilkerson; Charles Wood; John Wood, Julia York.

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

Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Glenna Callendar; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw

### **Youth**

Bible Quiz Question ...

Methuselah lived longer than anyone else recorded in the Bible. Who came in second?

Last Week's Quiz Answer...

John the Baptist is the one who said, "He must become greater; I must become less." He was referring to Christ. (John 3:30)

### **Events**

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

## Reasons To Trust God

In a world consumed with worries, Jesus makes it clear that worry to the point of being distracted from spiritual matters is unacceptable. Rather, as God's people put first seeking His spiritual kingdom and His righteousness, all worries or distractions should take a back seat. How is this possible? Jesus offers three keys to avoid worry in this life.

First, we do not need to worry because we have a God who is able to see even in the secret places.

Matthew 6:3-4, “But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father, who sees in secret, will Himself reward you openly.” Is it not great to know that we have a God who is able to see everything we do? We should never get distracted from serving God because we do not think He is watching—He is always watching and will reward us openly in the end.

Secondly, we should put our trust in God and not get distracted from serving Him because God knows your value. Remember that Jesus looked at the lilies of the field that grow even though they neither toil nor spin. They are totally dependent upon God for their care. “Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? (Matthew 6:30). Is the lily made in the image of God? Did God make everything for the flower or did He make everything for mankind? The answer is that He made everything for us and we are made in His image. He understands our value and therefore, our trust should be in Him.

Finally, we need to place our trust fully in God because God already knows what tomorrow holds. “Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble” (Matthew 6:34). You and I do not know what tomorrow holds for us, but thankfully, we can serve a God who does! Let us always remember to put our trust in Him and do what He says in order that we might always seek first His kingdom and His righteousness above everything else in this life!

—Adam Orr

<b>March 27, 2022</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Jon Roemisch	Craig Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Oliver Hernandez	John Wood
Second Prayer	Don Easlon	Jon Roemisch
Closing Prayer	Jr. Munoz	Charles Wood
Lords Supper		Bill Ryan
Scripture Reading	<u>Jacob Carson</u> Cody Wesson Oliver Hernandez Tom Sorenson	Communion (In Library)

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Allen Weakland 254-8209 —*Deacon:* Don Easlon 288-5834 *Pulpit:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332—*Table:* Bill Ryan 352-4871 —*Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons:* John Wood 413-7444 — *Collections:* Bill Ryan 352-4871

### **Sunday AM**

*“Better Than the Angels”*  
(Hebrews 1:5-14)

### **Sunday PM**

*“Breakdown of Morals Within Society” (Part 2)*  
(Judges 19:1)

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class... 51*  
*Morning Worship...71*  
*Evening Worship ...39*  
*Wednesday...53*  
*Contribution...\$5,510.67*