

Eisenhower Church of Christ

How to Be a Christian Only (Part 1)

There is no greater plea in the world than that one which invites people to be “Christians only.” The name Christian includes all that is needed, or should be desired, for spiritual appellation. Indeed, a genuine “follower of Christ” should be content in worshiping God as a “Christian only.” Anything less is far too short, and anything that goes beyond, transgresses heaven’s testimony for humankind. But, “How may one be a Christian and nothing else?”

Obey the Doctrine of Christ and No More

- To obey the Gospel as revealed in the New Testament means:
- Believe in Jesus Christ as the crucified, buried, and risen Lord (John 8:28; Romans 10:10).
- Repent of past or alien sins (Acts 2:38; 17:30).
- Confess your faith in Christ (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:10; Acts 8:37).
- Be baptized (immersed) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:15; Romans 6:4; Acts 22:16; I Peter 3:21).

Upon such obedience, we have the assurance that God will add us to “the church” (Acts 2:47). We further know that such disciples were called “Christians first in Antioch” (Acts 11:26).

Wear the Name of Christ and No Other

The fact that God promised a “new name” (Isaiah 62:2) and gave it “first at Antioch,” should be ample evidence of the all sufficiency of that name. To add to it, to put a handle on it, to weaken it by adding some human name, is but to mar its beauty, dishonor the head of the church, discredit Him who died for us and whose name we are to wear (Acts 4:12).

It is possible to wear the name of Christ and no other. The Spirit condemned the wearing of names of inspired men in New Testament times. How could it benefit us to wear names of men who are not inspired, or names given by men who are without heaven’s authority to give them (I Corinthians 1:10-13)?

Accept and Abide by the Creed of the New Testament and No Other

This must necessitate a repudiation of all man-made creeds that have become

binding upon so many people. It must do away with human doctrines for governing worship. It takes the New Testament to make a Christian; it takes something more than the New Testament to make a person more than a Christian. It is possible to make the claim “let us follow the Bible only,” yet in actual practice, preaching, and worship, accept along with it the “*doctrines the commandments of men*” (Matthew 15:9). Creeds must be revised each year, but the Word of God never has to be revised. Accept it and nothing else.

—Foy L. Smith
(Part 2—next week)

Response

Cory Boyles had been studying the Bible with Oliver Hernandez and made the decision to obey the gospel. So, on March 17th she made the good confession and was baptized into Christ by Allen Weakland. Our hearts rejoice! Please, get to know our new sister in Christ and let’s give her a warm welcome to the body of Christ.

Prayer Request

Betty Branson is scheduled to have cataract eye surgery on Tuesday, April 6th. Please keep her in your prayers that the procedure will go well and that she has a speedy recovery.

Josh Weakland has requested prayers for his friend’s dad, **Eric Coy**, who is dealing with major health issues and is facing his third major surgery. He is in need of prayers.

Julie Driver had a surgical procedure done last Monday at MCH.

Kathy Marshall will have surgery on Tuesday, March 30th to have stones removed from both kidneys. Her surgery will be at MCH. Keep Kathy in your prayers that everything goes well.

Jackie Rex had to have another shock treatment on her heart Thursday, March 18th. She said her A-fib is back and her heart capacity is at 65% which is causing balance issues. Keep Jackie in your prayers.

Concerns Update

Terresia Weaver underwent testing two weeks ago to see why she is anemic. Keep her in your prayers.

Diane Salinas is being scheduled for a stem cell transplant. She is the niece of Sylvia Campos who is fighting cancer.

Richard Leech (Loyce Driver’s brother) had a successful eye surgery to repair a detached retina two weeks ago. He is doing okay.

Charlene McFatter (Terresia Weaver’s mother) is home from the hospital under family care.

Mildred Lee’s surgery for skin cancer on the 18th went very well.

Prayer List

Maria Anaya; Wayne Anderson; Petra Baca; Betty Brooks; Bill & Mary Brown; Abessa Chavez; Jon Cooper; June Deavers; Doug Dowell; Kim Drake; Andrew Durfee; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Tim Garvin; Hattie Gilmore; Irma Gomez; Paul Gunn; Cody Guynn; Doug Guynn; Opal Hager; Phil Halbert; Liz Leach; Mildred Lee; Betty Leeth; Miguel Lozano; Vanessa Machuca; Ora McAfee; Glenna McCarty; Charlene McFatter; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Rudy Ochoa; Wanda Perkins; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; Corina Rodriquez; David Ryan; Diane Salinas; Gary Schwulst; Bill Tate; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Luke Wells; Janet Wesson; Carolyn Wilkerson; Charles Wood; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question ...

What did Elisha put in the bad water in Jericho to make it better? (2 Kings 2:21)

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

Both the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts were written to Theophilus.

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

Office News

Our second "**Singing Workshop**" with Myron Bruce is scheduled for April 24-25.

Our Priority—Physical or Spiritual?

You know, when it comes to religion, we are a little on the "ninny" side. If someone did a heroic deed that saved the life of our precious son or daughter, we would be willing to do almost anything for them. We would tell everyone we met, what a wonderful person he or she was. Their every whim would be important to us. In fact, we would likely "love" and feel indebted to them as long as we lived.

God gave His divine Son for our precious children—and for us too—so that none of us will have to die eternally. Yet, so often, we ignore this wonderful gift—as if it was expected, or that we deserve it.

Instead of telling others about our Lord, we are afraid we might offend someone, so we hesitate to mention Jesus' heroic sacrifice in our stead. Rather than obeying His commands, we fret over having to get up on Sunday morning to attend worship. We agonize over whether to believe the Bible or our friends about what to do to be saved. We kind of duck our head when someone quotes what the Bible says about there being "one body (church), one Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all" (Ephesians 4:4-5).

God loved His Son. Still, He let Jesus die for us and the children we love. He wants us to remember Jesus' sacrifice for us AND for our precious loved ones –just as we would want others to remember a friend who saved our child's physical life.

Yes, we do become “ninnies” when we value physical life above the gift of eternal life that Jesus gave us by His loving deed.

Think about it!

—John K. Wills

March 28, 2021	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Jacob Carson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland`	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Josh Weakland	Scot Straw
Second Prayer	Craig Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Closing Prayer	Oliver Hernandez	Tom Sorenson

Lords Supper

John Wood

Scripture Reading:

Larry May

Communion

(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Allen Weakland 254-8209 — *Deacon:* Don Easlon 288-5834 — *Pulpit:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Table:* John Wood 413-7444— *Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990— *Recording Sermons:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332 — *Collections:* Tommy Garcia

Sunday AM

“Making a Difference”

(Ruth 4:1-12)

Sunday PM

“Lamentations “

(Jeremiah 7:28)

Our Records

Bible Class — 65

Morning Worship 90

Evening Worship 48

Wednesday... 71

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