

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Billy Graham Spoke Where the Bible Does Not Speak

Years ago, Billy Graham, now deceased, wrote a book entitled, *Peace with God*. In that book Graham states: “The New Testament teaches that while there is actually only one church there can be any number of local churches formed into various denominations and societies or councils. These local churches and denominational groups may be divided along national and theological lines, or according to the temperament of their members.” The only thing correct about that statement is that, “The New Testament teaches that ...there is actually *only* one church.” Everything else about it is a devil’s lie. Neither the Old nor New Testament anywhere teaches that the one church of the Bible can be denominationalized into “various denominations and societies or councils...divided along national and theological lines or according to the temperament of their members.” No one would like to see the Lord’s church divided more than the devil.

Years later, Graham wrote another book, *Facing Death—and the Life After*, in which he acknowledges, “God did not invent denominations; man did.” Graham is right about that, but if denominationalism is of man, not God, then why did Graham say it is taught in the New Testament? Contrary to Graham’s claim, according to the Bible, it is the Lord’s will for all of Christ’s followers to be united, not divided. The night before His crucifixion, Jesus prayed;

“Neither pray I for these (apostles, TJH) alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me (John 17:20-23)”

Is it not obvious from Christ’s prayer to God that religious divisions are harmful to the Cause of Christ? Knowing that, and knowing that it is the Lord’s will for all of His followers to be united—ONE—each and every person who professes to be a follower of Jesus Christ should be doing all that he can to achieve and maintain a genuine unity which is acceptable to Christ. All should be, ***“Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”*** (Ephesians 4:3).

Inevitably someone will insist, “Our divisions do not amount to anything. We denominations are united on all ‘essential’ matters.” However, nothing could be further from the truth! If not made out of dishonest “political convenience,” such a statement shows a serious ignorance of the Bible and/or what the denominations believe, preach and practice. You see...

‘Denominations differ on the following: God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, redemption, justification, sanctification, faith, repentance, confession, baptism, the name of the church, identity of the church, origin of the church, importance of the church, polity of the church, terms of membership in the church, worship of the church, work of the church, organization of the church, Folks, “ARE ALL THESE NON-ESSENTIAL THINGS? “

Ready Answers to Religious Errors,
Williams and Dykes

Paul said, ***“...let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing”*** (Phil. 3:16). To the Corinthians, he wrote, ***“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 ye be perfectly joined together in the***

same mind and in the same judgment” (I Corinthians 1:10). All the followers of Christ are to... Speak the Same Thing! Be of the Same Mind! Be of the Same Judgment! Is that what is seen in denominationalism? No! What is there about the words, “No Divisions,” that people cannot understand?

—Tommy J. Hicks

Prayer Request

Caydon Parker (LaVern Couch’s grandson) is facing major surgery. Plans are being made for his surgery. Hopefully, Caydon will be able to have it soon.

Sylvia Campos had a consultation visit with her eye doctor last Tuesday. Please keep her in your prayers that she receives the best treatment possible.

Concerns Update

Patsy Mitchell’s knee replacement surgery was postponed to a later date.

John Wood’s appointment on the 8th went well. He is feeling better. Continue to keep John in your daily prayers.

Both Allen Weakland and Jurlean Warren’s angiograms done two weeks ago went well. Neither one had blockages.

Melissa Moore’s ankle surgery last Saturday went well. It will take some time for the healing process. Please pray for a speedy recovery for Melissa.

Meagan Winsor (Bill & Vickie Ryan’s granddaughter) was treated for a virus instead of strep throat. Meagan is doing better now. She lives in Hobbs, NM.

Prayer List

Crissy Arroyo; Brian Basaldua; Harshad Bhavsar; Betty Branson; Bill Brown; Brad Bundick; Bill Butler; Sylvia Campos; Eddie Chavez; Jon Cooper; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Winford Hambright; Letha Hooper; Jennifer Jones; Ora McAfee; Glenna McCarty; Patsy Mitchell; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Caydon Parker; Bonnie Pursley; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Paisleigh Grace Shepherd; Susan Simmons; Reda Sowell; Jack Straw; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Lupe Valeriano; Robert Vargas; Beth Ann Warren; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Sondie Williamson; John Wood.

Eisenhower’s Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

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

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

Where was Titus when Paul wrote the letter bearing his name? (a) Ephesus (b) Crete or (c) Cyprus (Titus 1:5)

Last Week’s Bible Quiz Answer...

Paul told the Ephesian elders that after his departure, savage wolves would come in among them (Acts 20:29).

Events

Watch ***“In Search of the Lord’s Way”*** every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

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.

Office News

The “New Mexico Children’s Home” will be back the 1st week in June for a food pick up. **All items are appreciated.** No specific items were given at this time. Monetary donations are also accepted.

STF Group #3 will pick up their cards in the library this morning following the service.

Baby Shower

A “Baby Shower” is planned for Kallie Wesson at Bonnie Sorenson’s home next Saturday, April 27th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. All the ladies are invited. Selections are at Target and Amazon.

A Combined “Graduation Shower” is planned for William Wood and Brenna Wilson on Sunday, May 5th from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Annex. Everyone is invited.

Five Brief Reasons for Singing without Instruments in Worship

1. Instruments are not commanded in the New Testament.
2. Singing is commanded (Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16, James 5:13).
3. While there are examples in the New Testament of worshippers singing (Matthew 26:30, Acts 16:25), there are no instruments being played.
4. From history, we know that instruments of music were not used in the church for, at least, the first couple hundred years of its existence.
5. While there is no passage that explicitly says that the use of instruments in worship will condemn a soul to hell, is it worth the risk when one can be certain that singing without instruments is clearly allowed by God?

–Floyd Kaiser, Ada, OK

April 21st, 2019

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer
Lord's Supper
(Scripture Reading)
West...

East

A.M.

Jeff Wesson
Jaxon Straw
Allen Weakland
Jeff Wesson
Scot Straw
Josh Wells
Bill Tolbert

Don Easlon
Trinidad Wood
Tommy Garcia
Tom Sorenson

Bill Ryan
Dan Igo
Richard Siler

P.M.

Jeff Wesson
Cody Wesson
Allen Weakland
Jeff Wesson
Bill Brown
George Warren
Clint Titlow

Larry May
Communion
(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder :* Jeff Wesson 556-5547 *Deacon;* Don Easlon 288-5834 *Pulpit;* Josh Wells 770-6753 *Table;* Larry May 638-3990— *Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Sermons;* Doug Guynn 260-00440 *Collections:* Doug Guynn 260-0440

Sunday AM

“Life in the Son”
(1 John 5:11-13)

Sunday PM

“Esteem for the Bible”
(Job 23:12)

Our Records

Bible Class... 92
*Morning Worship...*121
*Evening Worship...*66
*Wednesday...*65
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