

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Am I Saved or Am I lost?

“Am I saved or am I lost?” is surely life’s most momentous question. To be lost in the darkness of the night, on unfamiliar streets in a strange city, in a storm adrift at sea or in a small plane in deep fog and without instruments are terrifying experiences but not unheard of in our day. Tragic though such ordeals are, to be lost in sin and under eternal condemnation through endless ages is immeasurably worse.

How may salvation be obtained? The correct answer is dependent on the viewpoint from which it is raised. (1) Unregenerate man is lost in a sense in which he cannot save himself, his friends cannot save him and if he is saved at all, God must do it. (2) There is another sense in which man is lost and cannot save himself, friends and loved ones cannot save him and God will not save him! For the first sense see John 3:16, Romans 5:8-11 and I Timothy 1:15. For the second, see Matthew 7:21 and 1 John 2:4, and often elsewhere in the sacred writings. Is it not strange that in view of the many positive affirmations of human responsibility in the Bible, there are yet those who teach that there is nothing one does, or can do, in achieving his own acceptance before God? It will surely be clearly seen from the passages cited here in that to refuse these conditions God has made precedent to salvation is as fatal as the attempt to do that which only God can do in saving us.

The principle of salvation is grace—the unmerited favor of God. Man’s guilt has been irrefutably established (John 3:18) and it is therefore impossible for him to ask for annulment on the grounds that the sentence is incompatible with the evidence. It is equally impossible to argue for mitigation of sentence on the allegation that the sentence is too severe; the Judge of the earth can only do that which is right. A plea of merit on the basis of moral worth is wholly unavailing; we are all sinners. Salvation can neither be earned nor purchased through good works. Un-demanded by justice and unpurchased by worth, grace is the principle of salvation.

The motive of salvation is love—that factor in the Divine Mind that brought our Lord to the earth to make atonement for sin (John 3:16; Romans 5:3). The immeasurable love which prompted the Creator’s offer of salvation through Christ is affirmed in Romans 5:8: “But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

The procuring cause of salvation is the blood which was shed by our Lord at Calvary, without which there would be no forgiveness. Here, and here alone, is the cleansing fountain, the precious laver where the obedient are washed and made clean from all of their sins (Hebrews 9:22; 1 Peter 1:18-19). After all, “it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins. (Hebrews 10:4)

The agent of redemption is the Holy Spirit but for whose revelation in the Scriptures we would be without knowledge of our guilt before God or of the means by which to be cleansed from its stain (John 16:13; 1 Corinthians 2:8-13; 2 Timothy 3:-16-17).

The power by which salvation is obtained is the Gospel (Romans 1:16). Not one instance exists of any one being saved, following the beginning of the Christian age on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1ff), apart from and independent of, the Gospel—the divine instrumentality of salvation (Romans 1:16-17; Mark 16:15; I Corinthians 1:21). It must be heard, believed and obeyed to secure the blessings of salvation and redemption.

The place of salvation is in the church. It is fatal to ignore the highly significant fact that God has always designated a place where, there and there alone, His blessings are available. Salvation from the flood was in the ark (I Peter 3:20); the Israelites found deliverance from the plague only in the brazen serpent (Numbers 24:1-9) and the sojourners in Egypt were delivered from the avenging hand of the “Death Angel” only in those houses over whose doors blood of the lambs had been

sprinkled (Exodus 12:21-26). Salvation is only in the body of Christ—the church (Colossians 1:13; Ephesians 1:19-23). Here alone is divine deliverance from the guilt, the power and the presence of sin. To the church—the one about which we read in the Bible—the Lord adds all who submit to His will (Acts 2:47).

—Guy N. Woods

Prayer Request

Faith Chappell (Cynthia's granddaughter) got her test results back last week and she will see a heart specialist on June 12th in Abilene. Please continue to keep Faith in your daily prayers that she will be okay.

Jazmine Duron (Linda Tate's granddaughter) received her test results on Monday, May 13th. Jazmine does have breast cancer and will, more than likely, be undergoing surgery soon. Please keep her in your daily prayers that she will get through this devastating news.

Don Blackwell, who was in a four wheeler accident a few weeks ago, has relocated to Florida to undergo rehabilitation. Please continue to keep Don in your prayers that his rehab will help him beyond expectations.

Keep **Charles Simmons** in your prayers as he underwent cataract surgery last Tuesday morning, May 14. And, **Susan** is scheduled to have the same surgery this week. The Simmons' appreciate all the continued prayers for both of them and their family.

Concerns Update

Bill Brown received a very good report from his doctor concerning the tests he had done two weeks ago. Keep Bill on your prayer list.

Sylvia Campos had her consultation with the eye surgeon on the 14th. A date for her surgery was being scheduled.

Kaitlynn Brindza (Devida's great niece) had tests done on her lower back last Thursday due to a back injury. She will go over the results with a surgeon this week.

Prayer List

Crissy Arroyo; Brian Basaldua; Harshad Bhavsar; Betty Branson; Bill Brown; Brad Bundick; Bill Butler; Sylvia Campos; Eddie Chavez; Jon Cooper; Bessie Diaz; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Winford Hambricht; Letha Hooper; Jennifer Jones; Miguel Lozano; Ora McAfee; Glenna McCarty; Patsy Mitchell; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Juanita Orosco; Caydon Parker; Bonnie Pursley; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Paisleigh Grace Shepherd; Susan Simmons; Reda Sowell; 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...

Sentence Completion: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart..." (Proverbs 3:5)

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

Paul and Barnabas tore their clothes when the people proclaimed them to be Greek gods.

Thank You

I want to thank my lovely church family for their love, prayers, lovely cards and concern for me especially during this rough time of this arthritis up and down fight I have been having...I'm better now, thank God. God bless you all and keep you safe in his care always.

Love you in Christ, Hattie

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 here on June 4th for a food pick up. They need **Toilet Paper and Paper Towels**. Monetary donations are also accepted.

STF Group #3, please pickup your cards in the library this morning following the services.

The "S" Word

Some years ago, Dalton Key made an observation about sin that needs to be repeated today. Consider what he said. "... Most people wouldn't use the word 'sin'. That word is too staid; too old-fashioned; too judgmental. Sin isn't talked about much these days, even from the pulpit. We hear about 'faults' and 'lapses in judgment' and 'failing to live up to our potential', but the word 'sin' rarely surfaces. Folks who used to require repentance now need understanding. Those who in days past were rebuked for sin are now accepted 'as they are.' Confession has been replaced with counseling; godly sorrow and repentance with 'therapy' (Dalton Key, "The Dreaded 'S' Word" *The Words of Truth*, Vol 34, No. 1; Jan. 2. '97, pg.3)

He's right, you know. Sin isn't sin anymore, at least in the minds of many. The problem is, sin still exists. The Bible says, "...all have sinned" (Romans 3:23) and "the wages (e.g., payment) of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

We may try to ignore it, we may try to explain it away, but sin still exists and it will cause us to lose our souls unless it is removed through contact with the saving blood of Jesus Christ (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; I Peter 3:21; Romans 6:17-18).

What are you doing about the sin in your life?

—Mike Benson

May 19th, 2019

A.M.

P.M.

Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Oliver Hernandez	Cody Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Scot Straw	Josh Weakland
Second Prayer	Doug Guynn	Richard Siler
Closing Prayer	Dan Igo	Charles Wood

Lord's Supper

(Scripture Reading)

West...

Bill Brown

Cody Wesson

Oliver Hernandez

Kirk McFarland

Craig Wesson

Communion

(In Library)

East

Gary Loving
Jacob Carson
Clint Titlow

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Larry May 638-3990 *Deacon*; Jr. Munoz 363-1309 *Pulpit*; John Wood 413-7444 *Table*:
Craig Wesson 934-4633— *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Sermons*; Tom Sorenson 638-9447 *Collections*: Tom
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Sunday AM

“Set the Lord Always Before You”
(Psalm 16:8)

Sunday PM

“Sovereign Rule of God”
(Daniel 4:35)

Our Records

Bible Class... 77
Morning Worship...134
Evening Worship...77
Wednesday...80
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