

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Salvation Outside the Church? - Impossible

That Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world is a fact that is widely believed. Before Jesus was born, an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream, telling him of Mary's child, saying, "and thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

In the midst of His ministry, Jesus himself declared, "The Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

After the death and resurrection of Christ, John said, "And we have beheld and bear witness that the Father hath sent the Son to be the Savior of the world" (1 John 4:14)

From these three statements we see that (1) before His coming, (2) during His ministry and (3) after His leaving the world, Jesus was declared to be the Savior of men.

Salvation Only in Christ

Christ being the Savior of the world, we know that salvation is in Him. Man cannot be saved until his sins are forgiven. Sins are not forgiven until one has been redeemed by the blood of Christ; for we read "...the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). Also, Paul declares that we have "our redemption through his blood" (Ephesians 1:7).

The blood of Christ is connected with the body of Christ. Is not that only according to nature? Could the body of Christ give and impart life apart from His blood? Can any human body continue to possess life apart from its blood? The church of the Lord has been purchased with the blood of Jesus (Acts 20:28). Now we have this connection: one is saved in Christ; one is saved by the blood; the blood is in the body. Hence, no person can have the one without the other. This agrees with Paul's statement, "Therefore, I endure all things for the elect's sake that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory" (2 Timothy 2:10).

Salvation Only in The Church

Someone may say, I grant you all that; but still, what has that to do with the church? Let us apply the laws of logic or reason; can you speak of a man without speaking of his person? Can you speak of one's person without speaking of his body? Suppose a physician, upon examination of a patient, discovers the patient has been shot with a bullet. He exclaims, "I found a bullet in this person." Would he have meant that the bullet was found in the person's body? What else could he have meant? How could a bullet be in a person without being in his body? When we speak of any member of the human body, we are speaking of the body of the person who possesses the member. We cannot speak of a man's head, for example, without speaking of the man. We cannot speak of being in Christ without speaking of the body of Christ.

No one could hope for heaven without the spiritual blessings which are so essential to our salvation. Yet, Paul declares that all spiritual blessings are "in Christ" (Ephesians 13). The temporal blessings may be enjoyed even by infidels, atheists, and rebellious and scornful men. But blessings of a spiritual nature are reserved for those who are in Christ, in His body, in His church. For, in this sense, Christ, His body and the church are identical.

The Church is the Kingdom

John speaks of the church as a kingdom (Revelation 1:4, 6,9). If there is only one church (Eph. 4:4-5), then there must be only one religious kingdom. Whatever is said in the New Testament regarding the kingdom may be said regarding the church. Consider:

First, Paul said the Lord, "delivered us out of the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love" (Col. 1:13). If one is in the kingdom of Christ, he is not of the kingdom of darkness; if he is not in the kingdom of Christ, he is still in the kingdom of darkness.

Second. Concerning the Lord's Supper, Christ said, "I shall not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom" (Matthew 26:29). When we partake of the Lord's Supper, we proclaim "his death" (I Cor. 11:26) Now since the Supper is in the kingdom, how can anyone partake of it and declare the death of Jesus until he is in the

kingdom?

Third, Jesus said, “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness” (Matt. 6:33). Does not the word, “seek” carry with it the idea of “earnestly looking for” or “desiring”? But why should Jesus make a statement of that kind if one does not have to be a member of the kingdom, or church? What shall we do with the kingdom (and righteousness) of God when we find it? Does it not stand to reason that upon discovery of the “righteousness” of God, we discover also the kingdom of God, even the Father” (1 Cor. 15:24). If at the end of time the kingdom of Christ will be delivered up to God, how can he who is not in the kingdom be delivered to God? How can anyone hope to have God as king without being in the kingdom over which the Son is now ruler; and over which God is to reign eternally? One can have no hope of salvation outside the church!

—George W. Bailey

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Jr. Munoz and his family in the loss of his mother, **Elisa Munoz**. Elisa passed away last Sunday, May 15th. Funeral services are pending.

Prayer Request

Marisela Garcia (Tommy & Mirta’s youngest daughter) was scheduled for surgery to have her adenoids removed and tubes put in her ears, but due to her being sick, the surgery will be re-scheduled,

Paul Gunn is dealing with chest congestion. Keep him in your prayers to get well soon.

Betty Branson was diagnosed with a detached retina in her right eye. Regaining sight in that eye is very unlikely. It was recommended she see a specialist. On a good note, Betty is now able to put weight on her leg that was broken. She is in need of prayers.

Concerns Update

John Wood is able to sit up some. He is on a C-Pap that’s hooked to a ventilator. A trac is still in but not connected.

Charles Wood was able to go home last Sunday evening. He is still on oxygen and having a little trouble keeping it stable. However, he is slowly improving. Keep Charles in your prayers.

Terresia Weaver received a good report from her last CAT scan. Her marker number went from 8.6 to 5.8 which is very good. After she has four more treatments, another scan will be done. The doctor will then decide what to do next. Please pray that her results continue to be good.

Cathy Eastwood has started her physical therapy at Madison Medical Resort. She is in Rm.216-A.

Prayer List

Dr. Hank Abrams; Sheila Alcazar; Maria Anaya; Mary Anchondo; Wayne Anderson; Betty Branson; Bill and Mary Brown; Glenna Callendar; LaDonna Chism; Cathy Eastwood; Dana Erwin; Philip Garza; Hattie Gilmore; Doug Guynn; Elaine Huntington; Mildred Lee; Vanessa Machuca; Ora McAfee; Glenda McMillan; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Richard Ochoa; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Chassidy Rayos; Carlos Reyes; Daniel Reyes; David Ryan; Lisa Salas; Reda Sowell; 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 ...

What mountain did Solomon build the temple?

Last Week's Quiz Answer...

Abraham almost sacrificed Isaac on a mountain in Moriah. (Genesis 22:2)

Events

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

The "77th Annual—Pecos River Encampment" begins in June. The "Family Camp" (no dorms) is June 18th—20th. And the "Full Camp" is June 20th—26th. There are flyers on the table in the east foyer showing the daily schedule and details. Pick one up if you are interested in going to camp this year.

Thank You

I want to thank the Elders for seeking help with things that I needed repaired and moving items in my house. Special thanks to the young men that gave of their time to do those things: Jacob Carson, Travis Ruckman, Steven Easlon and Tommy Garcia. I am very thankful for my church family, for their help and prayers on my behalf. In Christian love, Betty Branson

Office News

Sunday, May 29th is our "Fifth Sunday Service."

Symbolism in a Clean Office

Cleaning an office is quite a chore. But, oh, does it make a difference. Others have popped in and made remarks about how it looks so much cleaner. It made me feel great.

Trying to find symbolism in all that goes on around me, I was struck with a few thoughts. Wouldn't it be nice if we all took a little time to reflect on our lives and looked for things that need order and "cleaning..."

Who are those I need to forgive; do I need to talk with them and apologize and make things right? Have I been too busy for God? Is my schedule such that I rarely spend intense prayer time with Him? Am I listening to His voice through the Word? What sins am I continually struggling with? How am I treating my family? Am I even giving them the amount of time that I should? What is my attitude like? Am I negative and full of criticism toward others or am I striving to behave like Christ?

A little housecleaning makes things a little better. A little spiritual cleansing makes things a little better as well. Let's "straighten things up"!

—Dyron Daugherty

May 22, 2022

Announcements

Song Leader

Sermon

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Second Prayer

Closing Prayer

A.M.

Larry May

Cody Wesson

Allen Weakland

Larry May

Jr. Munoz

Don Easlon

Gary Loving

P.M.

Larry May

Jon Roemisch

Allen Weakland

Larry May

Oliver Hernandez

Jon Roemisch

Tom Sorenson

Lords Supper

Scripture Reading

Jeff Wesson

Steven Easlon

Jackie Perkins

Bill Ryan

Cody Wesson

Communion

(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Larry May 638-3990—*Deacon:* Jr. Munoz 212-2231 *Pulpit:* Richard Siler 556-2151—*Table:* Cody Wesson 934-4646—*Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons:* Cody Wesson 934-4646— *Collections:* Jacob Carson 940-3775

Sunday AM

“Deacons”

(1 Timothy 3:8-13)

Sunday PM

“Superior Lawgiver”

(Hebrews 3:1-6)

Our Records

Bible Class... 56

Morning Worship...NC

Evening Worship ...54

Wednesday...48

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