

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Only One Way!

“You go to your church and I’ll go to mine.” “We’re going to the same place, only on different roads.” These statements are made by many people who mistakenly believe there are many ways to God in heaven. However, the truth is, there is only one way to God, and Jesus said it is straight and narrow (Matthew 7:13-14). Christ declared, **“I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me”** (John 14:6). In Acts 4:12, speaking of Christ, Peter said, **“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”** Therefore, it is necessary to conclude that the only way to God is through Christ.

Being saved and brought to God is a spiritual blessing. Paul said, “All spiritual blessings” are “in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3). Moreover, Paul wrote of Christ stating it is, “In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace” (Ephesians 1:7). Hence, all spiritual blessings and redemption...according to His grace are in Christ. Please notice these passages: Redemption is found in Christ (Romans 3:24); There is no condemnation to them which are in Christ (Romans 8:1); the love of God is found in Christ (Romans 8:39). We are sanctified in Christ (I Corinthians 1:2); in Christ we will be made alive (I Corinthians 15:22); we are new creatures in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15); we are reconciled back to God by being in Christ (Isaiah 59:12; 2 Corinthians 5:19; Ephesians 2:13); we are all children of God by being in Christ (Galatians 3:26-27); all blessings are found in Christ (Ephesians 1:3); we are made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ (Ephesians 2:6); the grace of God is found in Christ (2 Timothy 2:10); eternal life is found in Christ (Romans 6:23). It should be obvious to all that one has to be in Christ to gain these wonderful benefits. But, how does one get into Christ? One should be aware of the difference between “unto” and “into” as used in the English. “Unto” means going in the direction of or toward. “Into” signified that the destination has been reached and entered.

Without faith it is impossible for one to please God (Hebrews 11:6) and be saved (Mark 16:16). However, a person must understand that he does not believe “into” Christ. Belief is “unto,” going in the direction of Christ. Paul uses the “unto” with belief in Romans 10:10 saying, **“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness.”** No Scripture says one believes “into” Christ.

If one will not repent of his sins, he will perish (Luke 13:3-5). Yet, it must be understood that repentance on the part of an individual is another act “unto” or toward God. As a matter of fact, Paul is recorded as saying that both faith and repentance are acts which are toward rather than “into.” Paul testified both to the Jews and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 20:21). No Scripture says one repents “into” Christ.

Confession that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Acts 8:37) is absolutely essential for salvation (Matthew 10:32-33). But again, confession is “unto” salvation”. **“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation”** (Romans 10:10). No Scripture says one confesses “into” Christ.

Faith, repentance and confession are “unto” but do not place one “into” Christ. Just as there is only one way to God (that is through Christ), there is only one way “into” Christ, in whom all spiritual blessings are found. Faith, repentance and confession are essential for one entering “into” Christ, but one does not enter “into” Christ by any one of them or by all three of them together.

The only way revealed in the bible for one to get “into” Christ is by being baptized in water (Acts 8:36), in the name of Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38), washing them away (Acts 22:16). Romans 6:3 finds Paul asking, **“Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?”** In Galatians 3:27, Paul wrote, **“For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”** When one believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, has repented of his sins and has confessed Christ with his mouth, he is only then ready to be baptized into Christ!

—Jimmy Pettigrew

Prayer Requests

Janet Wesson (Jeff’s mother) underwent exploratory knee surgery Friday, May 26th in Abilene, TX. Please keep her in your prayers at this time that everything will be okay.

June Smith is in Lubbock with her daughter, **Cindy Starcher** who is scheduled to have hernia surgery May 30th. June plans on staying with Cindy for two weeks.

Trina Plyler was taken back to the hospital due to an infection. Please keep Trina in your daily prayers that she will be able to win this battle with cancer that she is in. Trina is the daughter of George and Jurlean Warren.

Concerns Update

Charles Wood is still struggling with weakness from pneumonia. Continue to keep him in your prayers that he can regain his strength quickly.

Harold Carrigan is still at Madison Medical Resort and has been moved to room #408-B. He is on antibiotics for a bladder infection.

Jurlean Warren is still having some health issues. Keep her in your prayers.

Marilyn Upshaw was taken back to Oceans in Midland. Keep her in your prayers.

Prayer List

Lee Roy Bell, Bill Bundick; Marie Bundick; Mitchell Bundick; Sissy Bundick; Linda and Sonny Coggins; John Cole; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; John Ford; Marjorie Foster; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Lon Howard; Janis Laminack; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Juan & Estella Morolez; Tanya Nichols; Trina Plyler; Charles Simmons; James Stephens; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; James Weaver; Judy Wells; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; John Wood; Jack Wright;

Eisenhower’s Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; 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...

Who in the Old Testament was killed by a tent peg hammered into his forehead?

Last Week’s Bible Quiz answer...

Ruth went with Naomi to Bethlehem.

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.

The **"Pecos River Family Encampment"** is June 18th-24th. Mike Shero from Alaska will be doing the preaching. If you plan to go this year, please check with the office about getting the necessary forms that need to be completed and mailed or hand delivered. A copy of the info is posted on our bulletin board. Please check it out.

The **"New Mexico Children's Home"** will be back in Odessa June 6th, 2017. They are requesting **Juices (all kinds)**. Monetary donations also accepted.

The **"Tipton Children's Home"** will be here August 1st—3rd for their food drive. They have given us a list of the **Needed Items: Assorted Cereal, Assorted Soups, Presweetened Kool Aid, Sloppy Joe Sauce, Canned Chili, Granulated Sugar, Miracle Whip, Squeeze Mustard, BBQ Sauce, Canned Pears, Sliced Peaches; Supply List: Liquid Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue.**

Baby Shower...

Ladies, there will be a **"Baby Shower"** for Kallie Wesson, Saturday, June 3rd between 10:00 a.m. -12:00 noon at Bonnie Sorenson's home. Kallie is registered at Target/Babies R Us/Pottery Barn Kids. Please come and join in on the celebration.

A **"Two Page Update"** for the Church Directory is on the table in the east foyer. This info will bring your directories current. Please pick up a copy.

Food for Thought...

"To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you."

"Joy is that deep, settled confidence that God is in control in every area of your life."

Some people come into your life as blessings; others come into your life as lessons.

May 28, 2017

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Allen Weakland
Craig Wesson
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Mike Roemisch
Jeff Wesson
Tom Sorenson

P.M.

Allen Weakland
Jacob Carson
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Dylan Straw
Rudy Ochoa
Scot Straw

Lord's Supper

West...

Jr. Munoz
Cody Wesson
Josh Weakland

Craig Wesson
Communion
(In Library)

East...

Don Easlon
Josh Wells
Jacob Carson

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Allen Weakland 362-1403 *Deacon*: Josh Wells 770-6753; *Pulpit*: Bill Brown 362-0060; *Table*: Craig Wesson 934-4633; *Song Leaders*: Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; *Recording Duties*: Chris Butler 362-7486; *Collections*: Chris Butler 362-7486

Sunday AM

"Nature of Spiritual Life"

(Romans 6:7-14)

Sunday PM

"Our Duty"

(Matthew 22:15-22)

Our Records

Bible Class... 81

Morning Worship...140

Evening Worship...80

Wednesday...83

Contribution...4,820.00