

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Can We Understand the Bible Alike?

### Work and Worship

I could prove the same to be true concerning questions that have divided the religious world in years and centuries past in all sections of the world. Were we to examine questions which have destroyed the peace of congregations and disciples, they would abound precisely of the same character. There are two questions over which there is great diversity of sentiment. One affects the worship; the other, the organization and consolidation of churches. On all points of worship for which we have either precept or example in the Scriptures, there is perfect unity. The assembling, the teaching, the fellowship, the breaking of bread, prayer, exhortation, singing and making melody in the heart to the Lord— all recognize these as right, proper, and necessary. There is no diversity or division of sentiment on these points that are authoritatively presented in the Scriptures. Some think that the strict order of the primitive times is not necessarily to be observed, and feel at liberty to introduce instrumental music into the worship. Hence, men divide and dispute, are of diverse judgments and are not, cannot be, perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment; then again, in reference to church work and organizations and cooperation to carry it out. The Bible, by both precept and example, teaches that individuals and churches should “teach all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”— in other words, to spread abroad the religion of Christ, our Redeemer, to lost and ruined sinners. In reference to this work and the means for doing it as recognized in the Scriptures there is not a breath of dissent, Christians are all perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. They may let the selfish and sordid element of their nature prevent their doing what the judgment approves, but they are all of one accord, of one mind, on the work and manner and means for its prosecution as set forth in the bible. There can be no division here, but others think that liberty is given them to form new organizations of churches or individuals for doing this work which are unknown to the whole realm of revelation. When these are presented, the unity of judgment is destroyed and strife and division come.

Now, I believe people can and do understand what God has presented in the Bible precisely alike, and that the questions that cause division and strife are not those taught in the bible, but those introduced, concerning which the Bible teaches nothing. Men cannot agree where they have no rule laid down to guide them. When they have an authoritative rule laid down they can be perfectly joined together in the same mind and the same judgment. They can never be by introducing practices into the church for which there is no divine authority. The savior demands unity, and the Holy Spirit says, ***“I beseech you, brethren, through 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 perfected together in the same mind and in the same judgment”*** (I Corinthians 1:10). One deferring his judgment to another does not answer the divine requisition. There can be no active, harmonious, hearty cooperation in this course. The demand is imperative: “Be perfected together in the same mind, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind”. Then there is no occasion for compromise. Christians can be perfected together on this and on all questions and practices ordained and commanded in the Bible. Whoever, then, introduces a question or practice not taught in the Bible introduces strife and division and schism. He is a schismatic, a heretic and works directly contrary to the will of God; he destroys the unity of the followers of Christ and so

makes it impossible for men to believe that He is sent of God. Whoever does this, even under the plea of sending the Gospel to the heathen, destroys the ground of man's faith in Christ, so really promotes infidelity!

— David Lipscomb

### ***Prayer Requests***

**Wayne Bradford** (Loyce Driver's nephew) is at Medical Center Hospital—Room #540 in a very critical condition. He has been fighting cancer for approximately two years and the cancer has spread throughout his body. His family has requested prayers for him. Wayne is 59 years old and the son of Loyce and Joyce's sister, Elsie Bradford.

Christy Weakland has requested prayers for her aunt and uncle, **Chris & Shirley Landers**, who were both thrown from their horses Monday. Chris is in ICU at a hospital in Temple with several broken ribs and is bleeding in one lung. Her aunt Shirley has a broken foot. They live in Weatherford, TX, but the accident occurred in San Saba. Please keep this family in your daily prayers that they will have a speedy recovery.

**Elaine Armendarez** (Devida's niece) is scheduled to have a hernia repair to the stomach area. She is in need of prayers.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Conchida Williams'** MRI done last week on her back showed that she has nerve damage in her lower back. Conchida lives in Piketon, OH. She is Devida's sister.

### ***Prayer List***

Tom Bauer; Elsie Bradford; Brad Bundick; Bill Butler; Blas Campos; David Castor; Beth Clay; Sherry Cox; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Glenda Driver; Verona Dykes; Dana Erwin; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Winford Hambright; Shirley Harvey; Letha Hooper; Eliseo Lopez; Juan & Estella Morolez; Kathy Nunley; Curtis Parum; Jackie Rex; Elvia Ruckman; Janelle Shirley; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; Matthew Simmons; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Laura Vasquez; Doris Weakland; Jimmy Weaver; Lisa Wells; Janet Wesson; Wanda Wheeler; Ann Wilson; Glenda Winkley; John Wood; Jack Wright.

### ***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...***

When Jesus was crucified (John 19:25) names three women. All three of them were named Mary. There was Mary, the mother of Jesus; Mary, the sister of Jesus; and Mary Magdalene. John distinguished the Mary's by naming the husband of one of them. What was his name?

#### ***Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...***

Jesus came from the province of Galilee to be baptized of John. (Matthew 3:13)

### ***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 Tuesday, the 5th. They are requesting **55 Gallon Trash Bags**. Please help fill this need if you are able.

There will be a “**Family Devotional**” on June 24th following our Sunday evening service. It is being hosted by Elizabeth Armendarez and will be held in Room C-5. Please check with Elizabeth if you wish to help in any way.

Remember, our “**Summer Series**” begins this Wednesday, June 6th with Greg Surles being our first guest speaker. Please make plans to support our summer series this year. We have flyers on the table in the foyer. Please take one or more to invite a family members, friends or neighbors.

## The Missing Sword

Henry VIII is the most well-known of the British kings. When he died on January 28, 1547, his nine-year old son, Edward took the throne. At Edward’s coronation, three swords were presented to him as symbols of the three kingdoms that he would rule over. Upon their presentation, the boy king cried out, “There is a sword that is wanting.” Quietness fell over the ceremony as the officials looked at each other, not understanding what young Edward meant. When they finally asked him what sword was missing, he replied, “The Bible.” This sword is still missing from many governments today. Leaders wield the swords of party and popularity, but not the most important sword of all (Hebrews 4:12; Ephesians 6:17). Decisions are made on a daily basis with little or no regard for what the word of God says. Let’s make sure that we do not forget this sword in governing our daily affairs.

—Broad Street church of Christ  
Scottsboro, AL

### June 3, 2018

Announcements

Song Leader

Sermon

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Second Prayer

Closing Prayer

Lord's Supper

West...

### A.M.

Jeff Wesson

Rudy Ochoa

Rafaul Ramirez

Jeff Wesson

Richard Siler

Bill Tolbert

Dex Dennard

Jacob Carson

Tommy Garcia

Richard Siler

### P.M.

Jeff Wesson

Jacob Carson

Rafaul Ramirez

Jeff Wesson

John Wood

Bill Brown

Josh Wells

Josh Wells

Communion

(In Library)

East...

Jr. Munoz

Don Easlton

Gary Loving

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* : Allen Weakland 254-8209 *Deacon*: Richard Siler 556-2151 *Pulpit*: Dex Dennard 296-1582 *Table*: Josh Wells 770-6753 *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Duties*: Chris Butler 362-7486 *Collections*: Chris Butler 362-7486

### Sunday AM

“TBA”

### Sunday PM

“TBA”