

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## What Do You Seek In A Church? (Part 2)

### Worldly Prestige...?

Perhaps you are looking for a church or a religion that would offer worldly prestige or power. Many people choose their churches with this as the paramount objective. For the most part, perhaps this desire is held secret, but sometimes it is openly admitted. All too often people moving into a new community look out among the religious organizations of that community the one that is the most popular or most socially inclined, with little or no thought at all as to whether or not this church is doing God's will.

That this was a very prevalent condition of religious people in the time of Christ is pointed out by Matthew, 'Then spake Jesus to the multitude and to his disciples, saying,' *"The Scribes and Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. All therefore they bid you observe, that observe and do, but do not ye after their works, for they say and do not."* Now notice: *"But all their works they do for to be seen of men. They make broad their phylacteries and enlarge the borders of their garments and love the uppermost seats of feasts and the chief seats in the synagogues and greetings in the markets and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi."* If this is the type of religion you seek, the Bible is not the book for you. The religion of the Bible requires humility. *"He that is greatest among you shall be your servant,"* and, *"whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased, and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted."*

The religion of the New Testament requires a life consecrated to Him; not to oneself. To choose our religion for worldly prestige and position is to place religion on a selfish basis indeed—a basis of self-exaltation. Instead, religion should be for the purpose of exalting the Lord Jesus Christ, that through Him men may be raised up in the last day. Paul expresses it in these words, "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live. Yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20-21).

### A True Life for Christ...?

If it is your desire to be a Christian, a truly consecrated follower of Christ, the Bible is the book for you. It was given for people with this very attitude. John says, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him might not perish, but have everlasting life." How foolish to hope for salvation from any other source! Peter says; "There is none other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). If you are actually seeking salvation, then this Book tells you the way.

How then do we "put on" Christ? Paul gives the answer, "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27). This step that puts us into Christ is preceded by faith, repentance, and confession of His name. Thus, through

obedience to the Gospel we become Christians; we receive with meekness the engrafted word.

Now what do you seek in a church; your own way or prestige or social positions? Or, are you truly seeking the salvation Jesus offers? If it is the latter, then the Bible is the book you want, and it is yours in its entirety. Learn to love it, read it often; meditate upon its truths. Allow it to make you into the likeness of God's Son. Obey it's every command.

—Ralph Starling

### **Sympathy**

Our hearts are saddened at the loss of **Jean Hambright**. After suffering a long illness, Jean departed this life Monday night, June 1st at the Madison Health Resort. Her funeral services were conducted by Allen Weakland Thursday, June 4th at Eisenhower Church of Christ. Jean was laid to rest at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

### **Baptism**

The Angels in Heaven, along with the family of **Patsy Montgomery**, rejoiced as they witnessed her put her Lord on in baptism, Sunday, May 31st, for the remission of her sins. Mike Brown, Devida's brother-in-law, had the privilege of assisting Patsy with her baptism into the body of Christ. Welcome to our new sister in Christ. Patsy lives in Bainbridge, OH and was Devida's sister-in-law.

### **Prayer Requests**

**Lee Roy Bell** was taken to the Medical Center Hospital Monday night, June 1st due to complications with his diabetes. Lee Roy's blood sugar dropped to 39. Also he was unresponsive. He is in room #750. Lee Roy is scheduled for neck surgery July 6th.

Please pray for our brother-in-law, **Mack Bradford**. He lives in Colorado City, but has been hospitalized in Lubbock. His exact problems are not known yet. Also pray for our sister Elsie who is unable to travel to Lubbock to be with him. Loyce Driver and Joyce Drake

**Diane Carver**, Lee Roy Bell's daughter, was scheduled for ankle surgery in Lubbock, Wednesday, June 3rd. This surgery was to repair an undetected broken bone in her ankle that had grown back the wrong way. Diane will be in a cast for six weeks and then a boot for six weeks.

**Avery Ojado**, the two year old grandson of one of Loyce Driver's co-workers, pushed an object in his ear and may have punctured his ear drum. The grandmother is requesting our prayers for him.

### **Prayer List**

Cody & Kala Ausbrook; Lee Roy Bell; Susan Bosse; Mack Bradford; Charles Browning; Jane Burroughs; Neva Carrigan; Steve Chavez; LaDonna Chism; Ruby Davis; Dayton Dennard; Jewell Bettes-Dennard; Brian Drake; James Drake; Mark Erwin; Nancy Fisher; John Ford; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Linda Horton; Lon & Lana Howard; Bobby Hunt; Susan Lee; Katie Limer; Connie Lowe; Juli Marshall; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Loy Mitchell; Flossie Montgomery; Patsy Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Judy Phillips; Evan Rector; Elvia Ruckman; Carmen Settle; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; Nancy Slife; Marilyn Upshaw; Bré elle Watts; Lisa Wells; Timmy Joe Wright; Toya Zambelli

### **Eisenhower's Shut-ins**

Mildred Bell; Neva Carrigan; Roberta Hamil; Winford; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall, Elder and Glenna McCarty; Caleista Millican; Janelle Shirley, Wilma Squire 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...

After the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus came down and was met by a leper whom He healed. He then went into Capernaum and one came beseeching Him, "Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented." Who is speaking?

### Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

The river that flowed out of Eden, according to Genesis 2:10, parted into four heads. The names of the rivers were Pison; Gihon; Hiddekel; and Euphrates.

## FYI

Denny Wilson is hosting a weekly radio program called "**Christian Take Aim**" at 6:30 pm Tuesdays; [www.thegospelradionetwork.org](http://www.thegospelradionetwork.org). Feel free to please pick up a business card on the youth table in the foyer.

Watch "*In Search of the Lord's Way*" every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on CBS, channel 7.

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.

## Thank You

My Christian Family,

I can't find the words to thank you enough for all the prayers, hugs, and food you provided us at the loss of our granddaughter, Amber Couch. It is hard to lose three out in five of one family. Amber's sister, Tasha has taken her four children to raise here in Odessa. Please keep them in your prayers.

We love you so much and thanks again.

J.C. & LaVern Couch  
Jarrett family

Pat & Tasha Lodge

## Office News

We need to replenish our meat fund. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to the church and specify "**Meat Fund**". This fund is to help purchase the meat for special occasions such as funerals, etc. Any amount will be greatly appreciated as always.

### June 6th, 2015

Announcements  
Song Leader  
Sermon  
Opening Prayer  
Scripture  
Second Prayer  
Closing Prayer  
Lord's Supper

### A.M.

Jeff Wesson  
John Carroll  
Allen Weakland  
Jeff Wesson  
Josh Weakland  
Bill Butler  
Richard Siler

### P.M.

Jeff Wesson  
John Wood  
Allen Weakland  
Jeff Wesson  
Jack Wright  
Josh Wells  
Ed Fisher

West...

Jacob Carson  
Tony Marrs  
Richard Siler

Tom Sorenson  
Communion  
(In Library)

East...

Denny Wilson  
Scot Straw  
Josh Wells

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* Jeff Wesson 561-5302 *Deacon:* Rudy Ochoa 214-0398 *Pulpit:* Chris Butler 362-7486 *Table:* Tom Sorenson 631-2518 *Song Leaders:* Denny Wilson 325-340-2291 *Recording Duties:* Cody Wesson 561-5302 *Contributions:* Cody Wesson 561-5302

**Sunday AM”**

*“Don’t Lose Heart”*  
*(II Corinthians 4:1)*

**Sunday PM**

*“Mindful of the Things of God”*  
*(Mark 8:31-33)*

**Our Records**

*Bible Class...*84  
*Morning Worship...*132  
*Evening Worship...*65  
*Wednesday...*75  
*Contribution...*\$4,501.00

