

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Things God Has Joined Together

Matthew 19:6 speaks particularly about the marriage relationship and says, “What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.” Only two things can dissolve a marriage in God’s sight—adultery (Matthew 19:9) and death (Romans 7:1-5). There are other things God has joined together, too.

God Hath Joined—In Marriage

In Matthew 19:9, Jesus had just referred to God’s original law concerning marriage: “Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh” (Genesis 2:24). He quotes Moses’ law in answering the Pharisees who came tempting Him but shows His law to be superior to that law which is now removed (Colossians 2:14; Hebrews 10:9-10). Several lessons are evident because God has joined a man and his wife together in marriage:

- They begin a new home; both parties joined must be ready to leave the domain of father and mother.
- They are to “cleave” (as if glued) to one another, letting no one or thing come between them.
- They are to be “one” in purpose, design and aim for life.
- Warning is given that no one is to break this marriage asunder (divide it) since God hath joined it together.

God Hath Joined Faith and the Bible

One noted preacher said, “If all the time that I have spent praying for faith was put together, it would be months. I thought that someday faith was going to come down and strike me like lightning. But faith did not come. One day I read Romans 10:17: “So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.” I had closed my Bible and prayed for faith. Now I opened my Bible and began to read God’s word and faith has been growing ever since. The truth of Romans 10:17 that faith comes by hearing God’s word is also emphasized in Acts 15:7: “that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel and believe”; and Acts 18:8: “the Corinthians hearing, believed and were baptized.” Faith and the word of God are inseparable. “What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”

God Hath Joined Christ and the Church

Individuals are often heard to say, “I want Christ but not the church.” Or, “I believe one can go to heaven without being a member of the church.” If these thoughts are from the Bible, we should all receive and defend them. But, are they?

In Matthew 16:18, Jesus promised to build His church. Paul made the comparison of not putting asunder (dividing) the marriage to not putting asunder Christ and His church. God has joined them both. Notice Paul’s inspired words: “For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and shall be joined unto his wife and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church” (Eph. 5:31-32).

Paul further stated, “And hath put all things under his feet and gave him to be the head over all things to the church; which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all” (Eph. 1:22-23). Since the church is the fullness of Christ, if one is in Christ, he must of necessity be in Christ’s church (Acts 2:41-47). Therefore God hath joined together Christ and the church. “What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

God Hath Joined the Blood of Christ and Baptism

In every age of the world, God has required the offering of blood as a sacrifice for sins: “And without shedding of blood is no remission” (Heb. 9:22). Jesus, the Lamb of God for the sin offering (Jn. 1:29), said He shed His blood “for many for the remission of sins” (Mt. 26:28). His blood was shed in His death on Calvary (John 19:34). Therefore, for man to receive the benefits of Jesus blood, he must, in some way, come into contact with the death of Christ. Paul describes how man does this “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death” (Romans 6:3-4). God hath joined together the blood and baptism. Have you been baptized? “What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder”

—Gary Colley

Prayer Requests

Sylvia Campos has requested prayers for her niece, **Diane Salinas**. She has been battling Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Diane started the 2nd round of very strong chemo (stronger than the last round) last week. After one to three treatments, she will be scheduled for a bone marrow transplant in Houston. Please keep Diane in your daily prayers that these procedures go well and are very effective in treating her cancer.

John Wood is still having problems with kidney stones. Please keep him in your prayers that he is free of pain soon.

Concerns Update

Conchida Williams' hip surgery was postponed until Monday, June 8th. She will have the surgery in Chillicothe, OH. Keep Conchida in your prayers that the surgery goes well. Conchida is Devida's sister.

Prayer List

Jack Aaron; Teri Armentrout; Brian Basaldua; Bill Berry; Betty Brooks; Bill Brown; Sylvia Campos; Steve Chavez; Maddie Clay; Lavern Couch; Kim Drake; Jazmine Duron; Cathy Eastwood; Dana Erwin; Thomas Garcia; Hattie Gilmore; Winford Hambricht; Irene Hernandez; Leo Holloway; Letha Hooper; Vertie Howard; Devin Jones; Linda Latch; Liz Leach; Betty Leeth; Charles Lewis; Jed Martin; Alyssa May; Ora McAfee; Krysta McMullen; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez, Jr. & Julie Munoz; Maxine Newton; Tanya Nichols; Rudy Ochoa; Juanita Orosco; Trina Plyler; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Danna Robertson; Janelle Shirley; Susan Simmons; Princess Tadashi; Mark Thompson; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Jackie Wallace; Lindsey Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Jay Wesson; Tom Wilcox; Carolyn Wilkerson; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley

Youth

Bible Quiz Question

Who hid 100 prophets in caves and gave them food and water? (I Kings 18:4)

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

When Peter walked on the water to Jesus, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” (Matthew 14:30)

Events

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

Wedding Anniversary...

Congratulations to George and Jurlean Warren who celebrated their 60th “**Wedding Anniversary**” on May 28th. God, please bless them with many more years together.

Office News

The **New Mexico Christian Children’s Home** will be here Wednesday, July 22nd for their food drive. They are requesting **Coconut Oil** and **Dryer Sheets**. If you can help with this need, it would be greatly appreciated.

Food for thought...

To belittle is to be little.

The Blessing of Affliction

Augustine once commented that “God had one Son on earth without sin, but never one without suffering.” Life is no smooth road for any of us. Job says, “Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble” (Job 14:1). Man is always in the forge or on the anvil. Every life is shaped by its trial and afflictions.

I have noticed that it is affliction that proves one weak and another strong. A house built upon the sand is just as good in fair weather as the one built upon a rock. It is when the rain comes and the wind blows that the difference is established. If you would know whether a staff is strong or rotten, you must observe it when it is leaned on and the weight is borne upon it. A cobweb is as strong as a cable as long as there is no strain upon it.

The truly virtuous person is like good metal—the more he is fired the more he is refined. God polishes the jewels. He especially loves and intends to make most resplendent with many sharp cutting instruments and rough files. The diamond that has been cut most is the one that sparkles most. The brightest crowns worn in heaven will be the ones that were tried, smelted and polished in the furnaces of tribulation.

Foremost, among the Christian’s blessings is that his heart has been caused to bleed. God allows tribulation to visit His children, but He tells its purpose—that “tribulation worketh patience and patience, experience and experience, hope” (Romans 5:4). For Jesus, the mount of transfiguration was on the way to the cross. For each of us, the cross is on the way to the mount of transfiguration. The cross-bearer on earth will be the crown wearer in heaven.

—Edwin White

June 07, 2020

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer
Lords Supper
Scripture Reading: Tommy Garcia

A.M.

Allen Weakland
Jaxon Straw
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Don Eason
Tommy Garcia
Gary Loving

P.M.

Allen Weakland
Craig Wesson
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
David Ryan
Joshua Weakland
Bill Brown

NOTE: We will continue with our Communion Service and Giving at the end of our worship service thru June.

Sunday Morning Bible Classes – 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service – 10:30 a.m. at Church Building & FB Live Stream
Sunday Evening Service -- 5:00 p.m. & FB Live Stream
Wednesday Evening Bible Class -- 7:00 p.m. & FB Live Stream

Sunday AM

“Vain is the Help of Men”
(Psalm 60:1-12)

Sunday PM

“Noah Found Grace is the Sight of God”
(Genesis 6:8)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Allen Weakland 254-8209—*Deacon*: John Wood 413-7444—*Pulpit*: Doug Guynn 260-0440—*Table*: Jacob Carson 940-3775 — *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990— *Recording Sermons*: Richard Siler 556-2151— *Collections*: Richard Siler 556-2151