

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## What Will a Man Give Up for Sin?

Does sin have an “up” side? Satan would have you and me focus exclusively on what he might term the positives of disregarding the Word of the Lord. For instance, when Eve was being seduced by the father of lies (John 8:44), he directed her attention to the supposed benefit of rejecting God’s command while seeing to negate the force and warning God gave them concerning the consequences of sin (See Genesis 3:1-8). As it was, so it is. There is always a price to be paid for sin. Freedom is not free. Neither is sin! “The wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23). How much will a man give up for the temporary pleasure sin may supply (Hebrews 11:25)?

How terribly sad it is that some are willing to give up their families for sin. Such was the case in Jesus’ immortal parable of the immoral son in Luke 15:11. The young man was willing to permanently distance himself from his loving father and the security his stable home life provided. Two other biblical examples are Cain, who slew his brother (Genesis 4:8) and the brothers of Joseph who sold him into slavery because of their envious hearts (Genesis 37:28). How deplorable it is for homes to be broken up when a parent simply walks away and creates permanent separation due to greed or lust. (See Proverbs 5:15-23)

Some are willing to sacrifice their good health for sin. Good health is such a wonderful blessing from God that is often taken for granted. There are many sinful practices that are health and life-threatening; smoking or chewing tobacco products, drinking alcoholic beverages, overeating, fornication, adultery, the use of illicit drugs or the abuse of prescription medicines, etc. The wise man, Solomon, writes about the inherent benefits of fearing the Lord and departing from evil; “It shall be health to thy navel and marrow to thy bones.” (Proverbs 3:8)

Some are willing to give up a good name and their positive influence for sin. It can take many years of toil, service and sacrifice to build a good name. A good name is something that cannot just be bestowed upon someone as a gift. It is earned over time. However, it can be lost by one senseless act in a moment of time. When lost, it becomes elusive and most difficult to regain. Again Solomon writes, “But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding; he that doeth it, destroyeth his own soul. A wound and dishonor shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away” (Proverbs 6:32-33).

Some, like Demas, are willing to give up their relationship with their loving God and Father for sin. Paul writes of him: “For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world and is departed unto Thessalonica.” (2 Timothy 4:10) Demas did not just forsake Paul. Unfortunately, countless men, women and young people walk in the footsteps of Demas. Their hearts are characterized by the thorny soil wherein the living Word of God is choked out by the cares of this world and its deceitful riches (Matthew 13:22).

Some are willing to give up their soul for sin. The soul of man is precious to God and has incalculable value as is understood by our Lord’s rhetorical question: “For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matthew 16:26).

Finally, there are some who are willing to give up heaven for sin. It staggers the human mind to contemplate how glorious and wonderful will be that eternal city, the home of the soul that is prepared for those who have loved and served the Lord in sincerity and in truth. (Joshua 24:14) “There is no place like home” is a saying that uniquely fits when talking about our heavenly home. However, those who are shortsighted expending their energies on laying up treasures upon the earth rather than in heaven and giving themselves over to “walk as the Gentiles” in their degrading lust will find themselves “homeless” and as castaways, suffering the flames of God’s eternal wrath. (Mark 9:44)

What are you willing to give up for sin? When you do business and trade with the devil you will never come out ahead. He is cunning, subtle and he will beat you every time. When he is finished with you, you will have lost all the things that matter most in this world: you family, your health, your good name and influence, your relationship with your Heavenly Father, your soul and your hope of heaven. You must decide. In the end, when all is said and done, are the temporary pleasures of sin really worth all the loss?

—Tim Childs

### ***Sympathy***

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family of **Jed Martin**. Jed lost his battle with cancer on Thursday, June 4th in San Antonio. His services were held there. Jed was Jeff Wesson's nephew. He was 34 years old.

Our condolences go out to the family of **Sarah Ruth Wood** who passed away on Friday, June 5th at the Ashton Medical Lodge in Midland, TX. Her service was held at 10:00 am, June 12th at the Ellis Funeral Home in Midland. She is Ronny Wood's grandmother.

### ***Prayer Request***

**Mildred Lee** is battling the shingles. She was given a steroid shot and also antibiotics to help speed up the healing.

**Jon Cooper** (Mildred Lee's son-in-law) will undergo surgery on June 19th to have three toes amputated due to his diabetes. Jon lives in Cocoa, FL. Prayers are requested for him that the surgery goes well and he has a speedy recovery.

**Chris Landers** fell off his horse and broke his scapula. He is the brother-in-law of Sheila Stanton. He needs prayers for a speedy healing.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Trina Plyler** (George & Jurlean's daughter) was able to go home on June 5th. She will have in-home health care for three months.

**Conchida Williams'** hip surgery went well. She was treated for anemia and released to go home that night.

### ***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 Hambright; Irene Hernandez; Leo Holloway; Letha Hooper; Vertie Howard; Devin Jones; Linda Latch; Liz Leach; Betty Leeth; Charles Lewis; 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; Diane Salinas; 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

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 (True or False)**

Jesus told the Jews, "Destroy this temple and in seven days I will raise it up."

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

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

### Events

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

### 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**.

### Thank You

On behalf of the Martin & Wesson families, we want to thank the Eisenhower congregation for all of your calls, cards, kind words of concern and especially your prayers during Jed's illness and passing. With the love of Christ, The Wesson and Martin families

### Are You Connected to Jesus?

Jesus can bring a new dimension to your life. He can take you from a world of black and white to a world rich with living color. He can fill your life with a peace that defies description. He can fill your life with purpose and with satisfaction that comes from helping others. He can fill your life with the assurance that comes from knowing that you belong to Him for all eternity. The Bible says in Acts 8:12, "But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." (NIV).

Vines Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words says this about the word "believe." "...to be persuaded of, hence, to place confidence in, to trust, signifies, reliance upon, not mere credence." Believing the good news is not just something that happens between our ears, it is something that happens in our heart. There are people who have been partially connected to religion, but never fully connected to Jesus. To believe in Jesus is to be moved in our heart to obey the Lord's teaching and be united with Him in the waters of baptism (Romans 6:3-7, Galatians 3:26-27). Baptism into Christ is the way you enter the Body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:13, Acts 2:47). Following Jesus is the greatest adventure in this life that leads to eternal life.

—Clark Tatum

### June 14, 2020

	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Cody Wesson	Jaxon Straw
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Bill Ryan	Tommy Garcia
Second Prayer	Josh Wells	Trinidad Wood
Closing Prayer	Charles Wood	Bill Brown

Lords Supper

<u>Scripture Reading:</u>	Jeff Wesson	Jacob Carson
		Communion (In Library)

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

**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

### **Sunday AM**

*“Pathway to Salvation”*  
(*Colossians 3:17*)

### **Sunday PM**

*“People of the Way”*  
(*Acts 9:1-2*)

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class... 61*  
*Morning Worship...95*  
*Evening Worship...54*  
*Wednesday...—*  
*Contribution... \$5,343.00*

Note: Our services will also be “livestreamed” on Facebook.