

Eisenhower Church of Christ

What Does It Matter?

Something is not right (correct) in religion just because a man thinks it is (Proverbs 14:12; 28:26; Jeremiah 10:23). A thing in religion is right only if the bible, the Word of God, says it is right. Paul wrote of honest, devout, sincere religious people who errantly thought they were God's people, and that they were faithfully serving Him, when he said, ***“Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.”*** (Romans 10:1-3) In order for one to be saved, he must know the truth and obediently submit to it. However, some deny that this is humanly possible.

Some deny that man is capable of knowing (and knowing that he knows) the truth. Such thinking is nothing but unmitigated agnosticism, which directly contradicts Christ's declaration, ***“If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples in deed; And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free”*** (John 8:31-32). ***Not only that, Jesus said, “If any man willeth to do his [i.e., God's] will, he shall know the doctrine, whether it be of God or whether I speak of myself”*** (John 7:17). The only conclusion one can reach is—both men and women can know the truth or else Jesus Christ lied. Bear in mind that being God (Matthew 1:23; John 20:28), it is impossible that Jesus lied (Hebrews 6:18; Titus 1:2).

Perhaps, the thought that man cannot know the truth (and know that he knows it), has brought some to the tragic conclusion that as long as a person is sincere, whatever he does in the practice of religion does not really matter. Actually, the question to be answered is, “Does it matter to God what one does in the practice of religion?” And, the answer is, “Yes!” The Old and New Testaments prove that it always has and still does matter to God. It mattered to God “what” and “how” Cain and Abel sacrificed to Him (Hebrews 11:4). God had commanded the use of fire in sacrifice to Him, but it mattered to God that Nadab and Abihu offered “strange fire” to Him (Leviticus 10:1-2). It mattered to God whether Moses spoke to, or struck the rock from whence the water was to come (Numbers 20:7-13). Because all these things mattered—God was not pleased with Cain's sacrifice; God sent out fire from heaven that devoured Nadab and Abihu; and, God did not permit Moses to enter into the “Promised Land.” It mattered to God that the people of Athens not be ignorant regarding their worship (Acts 17:23), or that they partake of the Lord's Supper in such a way as to “eateth and drinketh damnation to himself” (I Corinthians 11:20-29). God expects men to know the truth, obey the truth and to correctly practice those things God's Word teaches.

In the practice of his faith, man is to do everything to the Lord's glory (Matthew 5:16). Paul instructs, ***“Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God”*** (I Corinthians 10:31). This verse does not give license for a man to do anything he wants to do, even if he wants to do it to the glory of God. While on the one hand Paul teaches that “will worship,” i.e., worship instigated by the will of man, is condemned (Colossians 2:23), he teaches on the other hand, ***“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus”*** (Colossians 3:17). Simply stated, that means one must have authority from the Lord for

everything he preaches and practices. James 1:22 and 25 say, ***“But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves...But who so looketh into the perfect law of liberty and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.”*** In keeping with that, John warns that anyone who transgresses the doctrine of Christ in what he preaches or practices does not have God (2 John 9).

—Tommy J. Hicks

Baptism

We rejoice with the Angels in Heaven on the baptism of **Melissa Moore**. Melissa made the good confession and put Christ on in baptism Saturday, June 8th. Allen Weakland had the privilege of assisting Melissa become a child of God. As her brothers and sisters in Christ, let's all please give her a very warm welcome into the body of Christ.

Prayer Request

Emma Craig (Virgie Bartee's granddaughter) underwent brain cancer surgery approximately three weeks ago. The surgery went well and Emma is trying to recuperate.

Steve Chavez (John & Sonia Wood's brother-in-law) was taken to the hospital last week with breathing problems. The family is requesting prayers for him.

Jazmine Duron (Linda Tate's granddaughter) starts her chemo treatments on the 18th with a series of 14 treatments three weeks apart with four different kinds of chemo. Jazz got her port put in last week. Please keep her in your daily prayers that the treatments will very successful.

Dana Erwin (Linda Tate's cousin) has been diagnosed with stage three Kidney Disease. If the suggested treatment does not work, then she will have to undergo dialysis twice a week. Please keep Dana in your prayers that the treatment will work.

Shelby Flatt has requested prayers for **Cindy Campbell** (her boyfriend's mother) who has been diagnosed with liver cancer. Shelby is a former co-worker of Christy Weakland).

Concerns Update

Bill Butler has decided against taking the aggressive chemo therapy treatments for his liver and lung cancer.

Cathy Mooney had a CT Angiogram last Tuesday. Continue to keep her in your prayers.

Prayer List

Crissy Arroyo; Brian Basaldua; Harshad Bhavsar; Don Blackwell; Bill Brown; Bill Butler; Sylvia Campos; Emma Craig; Ronald Dement; Bessie Diaz; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Winford Hambright; Letha Hooper; Ora McAfee; Glenna McCarty; Patsy Mitchell; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Juanita Orosco; Caydon Parker; ; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Paisleigh Grace Shepherd; Charles & Susan Simmons; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Beth Ann Warren; Everlee Ruth Wells; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Jay Wesson; Conchida Williams; Sondie Williamson; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Robertta 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...

Who raised the son of the widow at Zarephath? a) Elijah b) Elisha c) Jeremiah

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

It is "true" that the initial motivation for Paul second missionary journey was to see the progress of the people who had become Christians during the first journey.

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

There will be a "**Baby Shower**" for Mirta Garcia on Sunday, June 23rd at 2:00 p.m. Her shower will be held in the Church Annex. Selections are at Target. All ladies are invited.

Also, we will have a "**Going Away Party**" for Dex & Jacey Dennard on Sunday, June 23rd following the evening service in the annex. We wish them well on their move to Brownwood. Please bring finger foods for this occasion.

Wrong is always Wrong

Wrong is wrong, even if you don't get caught. The eyes of the Lord are in every place. Wrong is wrong, even if you do it for a good cause. The end never justifies the means. The honorable purpose does not justify a dishonorable deed or action. Wrong is wrong, even if it doesn't bother the conscience. The conscience can be trained or educated to accept wrong doing, even an honest sin or an evil done in sincerity is sinful in the sight of God. Whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap."

Wrong is wrong, even if it is commonly considered acceptable. The Bible says "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil."

Wrong is always wrong despite our efforts to excuse our actions. Remember, there is never a right way to do wrong!

–Bulletin Digest

June 16th, 2019

	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Oliver Hernandez	Jacob Carson
Sermon	Anthony Flunder	Anthony Flunder
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Jackie Perkins	Tommy Garcia
Second Prayer	Josh Wells	Charles Wood
Closing Prayer	Jr. Munoz	Trinidad Wood

Lord's Supper

(Scripture Reading)	<u>George Warren</u>	
West...	Bill Ryan	Cody Wesson
	Jacob Carson	Communion
	Jeff Wesson	(In Library)

East

Tom Sorenson

Don Easlon

Doug Guynn

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Allen Weakland 254-8209 *Deacon* : Bill Ryan 352-4871 *Pulpit*; David Ryan 512-924-0983
Table: Cody Wesson 934-4646— *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Sermons*; Scot Straw 288-4533 *Collections*: Scot Straw 288-4533

Sunday AM

“The Precious Blood of Jesus Christ”

(1 Peter 1:18-19)

Sunday PM

“Are You In or Out?”

(2 Corinthians 13:5)

Our Records

Bible Class... 80

Morning Worship...90

Evening Worship...61

Wednesday...61

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