

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## The Types of Sin

The devil is too smart to use the same trick in his attempts to ensnare us. Instead, he presents sin in a variety of ways hoping that they will pass beneath our individual radars unnoticed. There are five different “types” of sin presented in Scripture: willful sin, secret sin, presumptuous sin, sins of ignorance and sins of omission.

**Willful Sin:** “For if we go on sinning deliberately...there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins” (Hebrews 10:26, ESV). “Willful” or “deliberate” sins are those committed in response to pressure or temptation while having awareness that said actions are sinful. However, the verb tense used in the original language provides some extra insight. “Go on sinning” is a present active participle. This helps to clarify the meaning of the second phrase “there no longer remains a sacrifice for sin.” “Willful sin” is not simply a single mistake, but the equivalent of “walking in darkness” (cf. 1 John 1:5-10). There can clearly be no cleansing offered to the person who chooses this lifestyle.

**Secret Sin:** By its very nature, “sin seeks secrecy.” Adam and Eve hid themselves from God in the Garden (Genesis 3). David sought to cover up his sin with Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11). Achan hid stolen contraband in his tent but was later exposed and executed (Joshua 7). How foolish and naïve to believe that we can hid something from the One who is in every place! What “accursed things” have we hidden in our tents? “Be sure your sin will find you out” (Numbers 32:23).

**Presumptuous Sin:** “Sins of presumption” are those in which we take it upon ourselves to alter or ignore God’s expectations in the name of our own preferences. This has been rightfully described as sinning “with a high hand.” Our post-modern world has largely embraced the view that truth is subjective. Suddenly, my feelings stand on equal footing with God’s expectations, because “He wants me to be happy.” This attitude leads to statements like: “I know God said that baptism now saves us (I Peter 3:21), but I felt in my heart that I was saved when I accepted Jesus as my personal Savior.” Humbling ourselves in response to truth and accepting that God means what He says will prevent this variety of sin (cf. Leviticus 10:1-2; 2 Samuel 6; Psalm 19:13; 2 Peter 2:10).

**Sins of Ignorance:** A sobering fact about our God is that ignorance of His expectations does not change them, nor will it motivate Him to withhold punishment if they are not met. With these thoughts in mind, how vital is it that we remain active in our study of God’s Word? After all, “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16, ESV). Since this has been provided and made easily accessible, all ignorance of God’s will is willful ignorance! The people of Hosea’s day were “destroyed for lack of knowledge” (Hosea 4:6).

**Sins of Omission:** Sins of omission, or those sins in which we fail to do those things we should, might be the most easily overlooked. Have I habitually neglected opportunities to share the Gospel with the lost? Have I failed to give of my financial means each week to assist in the work of the local church? Have I intentionally abandoned the assembling of the saints? If so, I am guilty of a sin of omission (cf. Ezekiel 33:7-9; Hebrews 13:6; James 4:17).

**Conclusion:** God did not see fit to give us a comprehensive list of every action or failure to act that would constitute sin. Instead, He provided us with His Word and the ability to reason, as an outflow of sharing in His likeness (Genesis 1:26-27). When these two resources are married

together, we are empowered to discern those things that go against His standard. Truly, we have been given all things that pertain to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3).

Friend, God's desire for every accountable soul is that they repent of their sins (Acts 17:30) and escape the snare of the devil (2 Timothy 2:26) by coming to a knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4). Let us press forward (Philippians 3:12-14) and lay aside every sin, which clings so closely (Hebrews 12:1). Without such we cannot see the Lord!

—Steven Akin

### **Sympathy**

Our sympathy goes out to Allen Weakland and his family on the death of his mother, **Doris Weakland**. Doris passed away in the early afternoon of Sunday, June 10th in Harrison, MI as a result from suffering numerous mini strokes. Allen traveled to Michigan for his mom's service which was held Thursday, June 14th. Please keep this family in your prayers.

### **Prayer Request**

**Verlie Snyder** (Devida's Aunt) who recently underwent surgery for breast cancer, needs back surgery, but is unable to have it done due to the chemo she is taking for the cancer. Please keep Verlie in your prayers that she can somehow get relief from the back pain.

### **Prayer List**

Terri Elaine Armentrout; Tom Bauer; Elsie Bradford; Wayne Bradford; Brad Bundick; Bill Butler; David Castor; Sherry Cox; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; James V. Drake; Glenda Driver; Verona Dykes; Dana Erwin; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Winford Hambright; Shirley Harvey; Letha Hooper; Chris & Shirley Landers; Juan & Estella Morolez; Maxine Newton; Kathy Nunley; Curtis Parum; Jackie Rex; Elvia Ruckman; Janelle Shirley; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; Matthew Simmons; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Laura Vasquez; Chuck Weaver; 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...**

Where did Jonah go instead of following God's instructions to go to Nineveh?

**Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...** It is true that Jesus commissioned His 12 Apostles not to go to the Gentiles. (Matthew 10:5)

### **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.

### **Thank you**

Dear Eisenhower Family:

We just wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for all the prayers, support and gifts you all have given for our triplet babies. All are doing fine and still in the NICU. This experience, even though rough, is still

seen as a blessing. We are very thankful for all that everyone has contributed and are really looking forward to having our babies' home and starting the adventure to come.

Best Wishes Always,

The Benavides Family

Dear Christian Friends,

Thank you so very much to everyone who helped in making my move from Odessa to Lubbock. Whether it was deacons, preachers or the Wesson boys & Jeff loading boxes on a flatbed or Jeff, Holly and Cody driving to and unloading those boxes at my new house. Or, Nancy E, Virgie, Rudy & Emma helping with the garage sale or Patsy & Teresa Ford Shepherd packing the garage sale remains for the Medina Children's Home or Charles & Susan for the gift of a refrigerator or for food and drinks supplied by Susan, Vickie & Holly or the many things that Don and Nancy have done at my old house. Thank you to others for gifts, hugs and kind words. You have all been so helpful and kind and I cannot thank you enough. It is so hard to leave such a wonderful Christian Family, but I know it will be good to be with physical family as well. My little granddaughter, Ella, gave me a hug and said "Grandma I am so glad you have finally moved to Lubbock. She has been looking for two years for a house to buy in Lubbock. Her sweet words made all of that hard work and emotional decisions worth it. Thank you again. Continue to hold firm to God's word.

Love in Christ,

June Smith

A special "Thank You" goes to all those who volunteered to come for the cleanup/workday at the building /annex last Saturday. Your service was greatly appreciated.

### **Office News**

There will be a "Family Devotional" next Sunday evening following our 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.

### **June 17, 2018**

Announcements

Song Leader

Sermon

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Second Prayer

Closing Prayer

### **A.M.**

TBA

Craig Wesson

Anthony Flunder

TBA

Trinidad Wood

Charles Wood

Scot Straw

### **P.M.**

TBA

Dex Dennard

Anthony Flunder

TBA

John Wood

Gary Loving

Cody Wesson

Lord's Supper

West...

Larry May

Jacob Carson

George Warren

Josh Wells

Communion

(In Library)

East...

Richard Siler

Josh Wells

Josh Weakland

**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

