

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Watered Down Gospel

Most everyone alive is aware of the fact that there is only one bible, one Word of God and hence only one Gospel message. Some have added to the Word of God and have made it nearly impossible to obey. But, the vast majority has taken God's inspired word and has diluted it so much that even the milk of the Word is hardly tasted. They do this because they think that the Word of God is too harsh and so they water it down to make it easier to swallow. But all that is accomplished is a weak Gospel that cannot do what God has sent it to do and a Gospel that clearly lacks in spiritual nourishment.

Why would anyone want to water down the good news of the Gospel? Why detract from its value, purity and wholesomeness? It is done solely to tickle and please the ears of the worldly that really have no desire to obey God's Word in the first place. It is done to fill the building and not fill the soul. It is done in a vain attempt to not ruffle anyone's feathers; to give them a form of godliness but at the same time denying it of its power. But to water down the Gospel is only to deprive the lost with what they need to live and the nourishment to thrive in a world filled with sin.

Paul asked the Galatians, "***Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?***" (4:16). Paul wrote very plainly to those in Galatia about the things they were doing wrong and also about what they were doing right. In fact he did not speak in such a way that you could misunderstand his stance on sin and righteous living. But Paul was inspired by God to tell these brethren these things. God has set the standard of the Gospel and not Paul. To be a true friend you must speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth of what God has said. We must not add to or take from it (Revelation 22:18-19). If we water down what people need to hear, then we are not telling them enough to save them and not enough to sustain them spiritually. Is it really being a friend to not give them what they need? Would we not tell a friend if the bridge is out or would we just tell them it might be out? No, we most certainly would tell them that the bridge is out and not to go that way if we cared for them at all. But that is not what is being done religiously. Some are just suggesting that they shouldn't sin. Or they are soft peddling what constitutes sin.

One of the things that have been watered down is the necessity of baptism. Most religions do not even count it as necessary and if they do they make it into something that it never was, namely, a sprinkling or a pouring of water instead of immersion in water as is clearly taught in scripture (Romans 6:1-5). What good does it do to not give others the whole counsel of God? It is not enough. God gave to the apostles what He wanted us to have. Clearly in the Great mind that is God there is a reason that we have every word of the Bible. Paul told the Ephesian elders that he had not shunned, to declare unto them, the whole counsel of God and therefore he would be held guiltless if they disobeyed the Holy command (Acts 20). We will be held accountable for those that we do not give the whole Gospel to. Let us not be guilty of watering down the Gospel.

—Robert Barcroft

Prayer Request

Betty Leeth has been diagnosed with leukemia. Her son, Tracie Leeth, is a liver transplant survivor from three years ago. Betty is Devida's double first cousin & needs prayers.

Concerns Update

Susan Simmons had her second cataract eye surgery on June 11th. All went well and she is home recuperating.

Cathy Mooney received a good report from her CT Angiogram that was done on June 11th.

Also, Steve Chavez (John and Sonia's brother-in-law) is doing better after having suffered a minor stroke two weeks ago. He had no damage from the stroke.

Debbie Howard's open heart surgery was cancelled because the doctor's cannot get her blood to coagulate; she would not survive the surgery. Debbie is Devida's cousin.

Prayer List

Crissy Arroyo; Brian Basaldua; Harshad Bhavsar; Don Blackwell; Bill Brown; Bill Butler; Cindy Campbell; Sylvia Campos; Emma Craig; Ronald Dement; Bessie Diaz; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Winford Hambright; Letha Hooper; Debbie Howard; 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; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Jay Wesson; Sondie Williamson; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

What resulted when Paul and Barnabas argued over whether or not John Mark would remain with the work on a second missionary journey?

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

Elijah raised the son of the widow at Zarephath.

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 Church,

I love you all so much and how I miss seeing you all every week. Thank you so much for the visits, cards, texts, food and most of all the prayers over the last few months. I am well on my way to recovery and can't wait to be back with you all!

In Christian Love, Patsy

Office News

Mirta Garcia's "**Baby Shower**" is today at 2:00 p.m. in the annex. Her selections are at Target. All ladies are invited.

Also, today we will have a "**Going Away Party**" for Dex & Jacey Dennard in the annex following our evening service. Please bring finger foods for the occasion.

Motivation for Soul-Winning

I've been thinking about motivation for evangelism. What thoughts should fill our minds as we contemplate the condition of souls that have never obeyed the gospel of Christ? Let's meditate together on the following:

Every human being on the face of the earth is lost outside of Jesus. Paul says that there is no condemnation to those who are "in Christ" (**Romans 8:1**) In other words, those who are not in Christ are condemned. They are condemned by sin in their lives. No man, woman, boy or girl beyond the age of accountability is immune—all are sinners (**Romans 6:23**). And the only way we can get into Jesus is to be "baptized into Christ" (**Galatians 3:27; Romans 6:3-4**).

The gospel is the only power that God has to save. Paul said he wasn't ashamed of it and that he was eager to preach it (**Romans 1:15-16**). He said that we stand in it and are saved by it (**I Corinthians 15:1-4**).

The preaching of the gospel is the means that God has ordained for the transmission of it to the world. Only by sharing the gospel will men be saved. God does not miraculously plant the knowledge of the gospel in the hearts of lost people (**Mark 16:15-16; I Cor. 1:21**).

Jesus is the only Savior. Salvation is not found in New Age religion; Mohammed, Confucius, Buddha or in Judaism. It is found in Jesus alone. Peter clearly stated the matter when he declared: "*There is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved.*" (**Acts 4:12**)

Jesus is only going to save His church. That is not politically correct, but it is true. Paul said that Jesus is the "*head of the church, His body, of which He is the Savior*" (**Ephesians 5:23**). If He is going to save His body and His body is the church, then people must be a part of His body to be saved. The church does not save but is composed of the saved.

When we understand and are convicted that the truth and truth alone will make men free, we will be compelled to share it!

—Les McGalliard—Moore church of Christ, Moore, OK

June 23rd, 2019

	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Rudy Ochoa
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Trinidad Wood	John Wood
Second Prayer	Doug Guynn	Trinidad Wood
Closing Prayer	Josh Weakland	Dan Igo

Lord's Supper

(Scripture Reading)	<u>Bill Brown</u>	
West...	Craig Wesson	Cody Wesson
	Gary Loving	Communion
	Kevin Wilcox	(In Library)
East	Richard Siler	
	Rudy Ochoa	
	Don Easlon	

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

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Sunday PM

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