

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Time Does Not Remove Sin

It has happened time-after-time throughout the brotherhood. Members of the church become unfaithful in their attendance and forsake the assembling of the saints (Hebrews 10:25). No amount of pleading and praying from the congregation is enough to bring about repentance. Missing services may have been sporadic to begin with, but eventually, attendance was a thing of the past. Visits and calls were made, yet seemingly there was not a single spark of interest left in the unfaithful individual.

Years come and go without any remorse shown by the guilty persons. And then, as slowly as they left, they begin to venture back into the worship assembly. They ease back into regular attendance and before long, they are as steady and faithful in their attendance as anyone else in the congregation. Before long, most will forget the unfaithfulness and begin using the men again in leading roles for worship. And the women are put back into bible classes as teachers for the young people. Time seems to have erased the guilt caused by the sin of unfaithfulness. The slate seems to have been completely cleaned, and things are back just as they were before unfaithfulness carried them away. Are things now as they were before sin carried them away from the Lord and His church? No! The sin and guilt will remain until repentance is added to the above story!

We must wonder how many souls will be lost at the judgment because they assumed that time was equal to repentance. How many people in the past have no hope because they were allowed to “ease back in?” And, how many today are going through the very same circumstance? Congregations allow unfaithful members to “take up where they left off” as if sin had never occurred. God’s Word says, “except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3-5).

“Repentance” has become a word that is not found in the vocabulary of so many congregations today. We have heard some even say, “They’re back, so let’s put them to work.” Overlooking the necessity of repentance does no good for the guilty party or the congregation who will not seek proper restoration. Forgiveness comes through genuine repentance. Luke 17:3 states that repentance is necessary for one to be forgiven, “rebuke him; and IF he repents, forgive him.”

Why has this situation been allowed in the New Testament church today? Could it possibly be that we have become more interested in numbers and popularity than obeying the Lord? Many years ago, an elder told me that a couple who were living in a sinful condition should not be approached because they were “good givers!” How sad! Maybe some do not confront sin and plead for repentance because they are carefully trying not to “hurt anyone’s feelings?” A sinner’s heart must be pricked before a change can occur. And what about God’s feelings? Do we ever consider how He feels about sinful conditions? Genesis 6:6 shows that man’s continued sin affected God and “grieved him at his heart.” The Psalmist also spoke of God’s feeling toward sin, “How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness and grieve him in the desert!” (Psalm 78:40). Every sin, whether in the past or in the present which is not confessed and turned away from separates man from God (Isaiah 59:1-2). Every person who has not repented of sin is walking in darkness and cannot be in fellowship with God (1 John 1:5-10). The faithful children of God (individuals or congregations) cannot and must not fellowship that which is not in fellowship with God! Paul told the saints at Ephesus, “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them” (Ephesians 5:11).

The question is not, do we ever sin (Romans 3:23), but what do we do when we have sinned? Scripture tells us, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). Time does not erase the guilt of sin. There is not one instance where God forgave a sinner who did not repent! On the contrary, God desires that all come to repentance. “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). Repentance is the only way to maintain fellowship with God. Time cannot erase the guilt and consequence of sin. God has done His part. What about us?

—Toney L. Smith

Sympathy

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Jeff Wesson and all his family in the loss of his mother, **Janet Wesson**, who left this life last Sunday morning, June 19th, at her home. A memorial service was held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 25th at the Eastside Church of Christ in Snyder, TX.

Our sympathy also goes out to the family of **Stephanie Stokes**, Kamryn Wesson’s cousin’s fiancée. She was in an automobile accident on Thursday, June 16th that took her life. A celebration of her life was held on Wednesday, June 22nd in Andrews, TX. Keep this family in your prayers.

Our condolences go out to the family of **Lolly Aguilar**. She was Catherine Eastwood’s roommate at Madison Medical Resort. Lolly passed away Friday, June 17th. She had terminal cancer and was under Hospice Care. Keep this family in your prayers.

Concerns Update

Bill Brown received a good report from the CAT scan and blood work he had done last week. There was no signs of cancer and Bill will not have to have any more chemo. He is scheduled for another CAT scan and blood work in four months as a precaution measure.

Catherine Eastwood was able to go home from Madison Medical Resort. Continue to keep her in your prayers.

Robbie Butler’s shingles are better and not as painful. She is feeling much better.

Charles Wood was able to attend Worship Services last Sunday. It was good to see him here.

Prayer List

Dr. Hank Abrams; Sheila Alcazar; Maria Anaya; Mary Anchondo; Wayne Anderson; Betty Branson; Bill and Mary Brown; Glenna Callendar; LaDonna Chism; Catherine Eastwood; Dana Erwin; Mark Erwin; Philip Garza; Hattie Gilmore; Doug Guynn; Elaine Huntington; Mildred Lee; Vanessa Machuca; Ora McAfee; Glenda McMillan; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Richard Ochoa; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Chassidy Rayos; Carlos Reyes; Daniel Reyes; David Ryan; Lisa Salas; Janice Smith; Reda Sowell; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Lisa Wells; Carolyn Wilkerson; Charles Wood; John Wood, Julia York.

Eisenhower’s Shut-ins

Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Glenna Callendar; Ronda Lyne; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw

Youth

Bible Knowledge “Take Seven”

Jacob worked for Laban for seven years to marry Rachel, or so he thought. (Genesis 29:18)

Joseph predicted seven years of abundance and seven years of famine in Egypt. (Exodus 12:15)

Events

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

Food for Thought...

Success in marriage is much more than finding the right person; it is being the right person.

Middle age is when you can still do everything you used to do but had rather not.

Learn to listen. You don’t learn anything from hearing yourself talk.

The 5 Best Excuses for Missing Church

Listed below are the top five best excuses for missing services of the Lord’s church:

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Yes, that is correct, there are absolutely no excuses for not being in service to the Lord. Of course, there are some good reasons one may be out of service, like sickness or death, but there are no excuses. Jesus told a story about a “Great Supper” that was planned by a certain man who then invited his guests. As time came for the event to take place, they all began to make excuses to why they could not attend (Luke 14:18). The invited guests used their personal possessions, business dealings and family obligations as excuses as to why they could not come to the feast that was prepared just for them. The master of the house became angry and invited others to come and enjoy the great supper. But he also stated that those who were initially invited would never sit at his table again.

The freedom and opportunity to come together for Worship, Bible Study, and fellowship with the members of the Lord’s church is such a blessing and should never be taken for granted. When we make a deliberate decision to place other things before the Lord’s service, we commit modern day idolatry, refusing to take advantage of God’s blessings, even though we may think we have a “good excuse.”

—Jay Launius

June 26, 2022

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Allen Weakland
Cody Wesson
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Don Easlon
Scot Straw
Tommy Garcia

P.M.

Allen Weakland
Oliver Hernandez
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Jackie Perkins
Jon Roemisch
Josh Weakland

Lords Supper

Scripture Reading

Jacob Carson
Steven Easlon
Tom Sorenson
Kirk McFarland

Tommy Garcia
Communion
(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Allen Weakland 254-8209—*Deacon:* Bill Ryan 352-4871
Pulpit: Bill Ryan 352-4871—*Table:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332—*Song Leaders:* Larry May
638-3990—*Recording Sermons:* Craig Wesson 934-4633— *Collections:* Craig Wesson

Sunday AM

“Changing a Congregation in a Local Work”
(1 Thessalonians 2:7-12)

Sunday PM

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(1 Thessalonians 2:7-12)

Our Records

Bible Class... 37

Morning Worship...77

Evening Worship ...NC

Wednesday...50

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