

Eisenhower Church of Christ

If God Says It's Wrong (Part 1)

"I know what the bible says, but..." These words, devoid of all spirituality, have passed from the lips of untold millions of people who claim to cling to Christ while simultaneously condoning, committing, or contributing to sin. There are various excuses behind this attitude: societal influence, past actions, money, family and even poor Christian examples...

Whatever the excuse, no person can embrace both worldliness and godliness at the same time: "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and despise the other; Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24). Which do I love: Jesus or the world? If I love worldliness then I do not have love for God (I John 2:15). On the other hand, if I love Jesus then I am going to keep His commandments (John 14:15). I cannot just pick and choose the commandments that I like. Jesus said for Christians "to observe all things" that He has commanded (Matthew 28:20). If I love the Lord, then I will hold to the truth of His Word.

Jesus brought truth (John 1:17) and made it clear that mankind can know and understand the truth. Truth is found in God's Word (John 17:17) and the sum of what God's Word teaches on a subject constitutes the truth (Psalm 119:160, ASV). The Bible is our true standard for discerning good from evil and right from wrong. The Bible contains "all things that pertain unto life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3); the bible teaches us how to be "approved unto God" (2 Timothy 2:15); the Bible renders us "complete, furnished completely unto every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17, ASV). Therefore, by saying, "I know what the Bible says, but..." a person is actually saying, "I know what God wants and I know what is right, but I just do not love God enough to do it." For the faithful Christian, when God calls something wrong, there are no 'but's.' If God says it is wrong, it is wrong. If God says it is right, it is right.

That which God calls wrong does not become right just because society does it. God's truth is not dependent upon the majority's opinion. Why would I want to follow the majority when the majority will not enter God's reward? Jesus said, "***Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction and many there be which go in thereat; because strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life and few there be that find it***" (Matthew :13-14) Society's approval of murderous practice such as abortion and euthanasia does not make the deeds any less sinful (Genesis 9:6; Exodus 20:13; Matthew 19:18). Life is life and murder is murder whether life is in the formative stages in the womb or the degenerative stages of old age.

—Scott Cain
(Part 2 next week)

Prayer Request

James Stephens (father of Shanna Edwards) is at the Terrace West Care Facility in Midland and has been put under Hospice Care. James is suffering from Alzheimer's and also other health issues. Prayers have been requested for James and his family.

Densell Fambro (Robyn Wilson's father) is home from the hospital after being treated for a kidney infection in Lubbock. He was put on strong medication and hopefully will be feeling better soon. Keep him in your prayers.

Sylvia Campos has requested prayers for her sister-in-law, **Ida Rodriquez**. She has a spot on one of her kidneys and started chemo treatments on June 12th. Ida had ovarian cancer earlier. She is in need of prayers.

Gayle Bitner, Bill Butler's niece, underwent a quadruple heart bypass surgery June 28th in Abilene. Bill has requested for her. Gayle lives in Haskell, TX.

Concerns Update

Bill Butler had his second chemo treatment Monday, June 25th. From the test taken, it showed that his cancer is stable. Bill would like to express his appreciation for all the prayers that have been offered for him and his family. Continue to keep Bill in your daily prayers that he will win this battle.

Caydon Parker (LaVern Couch's grandson) will undergo major surgery at Cook's Children's Hospital as soon as they get a date.

Prayer List

Tom Bauer; Elsie Bradford; Wayne Bradford; Brad Bundick; Bill Butler; David Castor; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; James V. Drake; Glenda Driver; Dana Erwin; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Winford Hambricht; Shirley Harvey; Letha Hooper; Chris & Shirley Landers; Juan & Estella Morolez; Maxine Newton; Caydon Parker; Jackie Rex; Elvia Ruckman; Janelle Shirley; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; Matthew Simmons; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Chuck Weaver; Jimmy Weaver; Lisa Wells; James & 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.

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Bible Quiz Question...

God, seeing the wickedness of man said, "My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh; yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years." Was this quotation taken from the story of man before or after the flood?

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

Ecclesiastes 1:9 says "There is nothing new under the Sun"

Thank You

To the Eisenhower brethren,

Thank you for all the cards, flowers and calls we received during the passing away of my mother, Doris Weakland. We appreciate so very much your acts of kindness and thoughtfulness.

Allen Weakland and family

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

The *“New Mexico Children’s Home”* will be here Tuesday, September 4th. They are requesting **“Instant Oatmeal”**. Monetary donations also accepted.

No Exceptions

Let’s be honest, people, as a general rule, are not very good at times with being fair in our treatment of others. We can let certain people get away with something that we will not allow others to get away with. We can play favorites, choose whom we will do a favor for and count on our unfair favoritism to get us gain in return. Sometimes when we say “no exceptions” we mean “no exceptions except when...”

The Almighty’s character does not vary when it comes to His word and sin (Romans 3:4). It is a bad habit to think that when God says “no exceptions” He actually means “except when...” God has given His Son upon the cross, not to excuse our sins but to expunge them through innocent blood (Romans 5:8-11). A relationship with God must be through His Son—No Exceptions! (John 14:6). To escape Hell a person must believe the gospel of His Son—No Exceptions! Mark 16:15-16). To be saved a person must obey God’s Son—No Exceptions! (Hebrews 5:8-9). If God has not made an exception concerning Jesus and salvation, then how can we? Our sin will be dealt with one way or another—No Exceptions (John 8:24).

Bulletin Digest

July 1, 2018

	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Craig Wesson	Rudy Ochoa
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	Josh Weakland	Josh Wells
Second Prayer	George Warren	Rudy Ochoa
Closing Prayer	Gary Loving	Bill Brown
Lord's Supper		
West...	Gary Loving Trinidad Wood Tommy Garcia	Cody Wesson Communion (In Library)
East...	Bill Brown Richard Siler Bill Ryan	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Jeff Wesson 561-5302 *Deacon*: Josh Wells 770-6753 *Pulpit*: Larry May 638-3990 *Table*: Cody Wesson 561-5302 *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Duties*: Chris Butler 362-7486 *Collections*: Chris Butler 362-7486

Sunday AM

“The Song of the Bow”
(2 Samuel 1:17-18)

Sunday PM

“Obeying the Voice of God”
(Jeremiah 38:20)