

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Born of the Spirit of Truth

In John 14:17; 15:26; and 16:13, Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as “the Spirit of truth.” Jesus promised the apostles, **“When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth”** (John 16:13). Man is begotten “with the word of truth” (James 1:18), and “born again...by the word of God” (I Peter 1:23). ***The “word of truth” and the “word of God” are one and the same*** (John 17:17).

Jesus, telling Nicodemus how to be “born again,” said, **“Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God”** (John 3:5). Revealing the truth by way of inspiration in the first century, the “Spirit of truth” inspired men to speak and write God’s Word, the “word of truth”. Today, in that written Word, the Bible, God **“hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness”** (2 Peter 1:3). In that “word of truth,” the “Spirit of truth” reveals to man what he must do in order to be saved, “born again.” That is the only way the “Spirit of truth” works today.

It is the Spirit revealed truth that, in order to be saved, one must believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. The Holy Spirit inspired John to quote Jesus saying, **“If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins”** (John 8:24). Again, it was the Holy Spirit who inspired Mark to quote Jesus saying, **“he that believeth not shall be damned”** (Mark 16:16).

It is the Spirit revealed truth that in order to be saved, one must repent of his sins. The Holy Spirit inspired Luke to quote Jesus saying, **“I tell you, Nay; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish”** (Luke 13:3-5). Again, it was the Holy Spirit who inspired Luke to record Paul’s declaration, **“And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent”** (Acts 17:30). It was none other than the Holy Spirit who inspired Peter to give the assurance, **“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). Revealed truth declares that those who will not repent will perish.

It is the Holy Spirit revealed truth that in order to be saved, one must confess that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. The Holy Spirit inspired Matthew to quote Jesus saying, **“Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in Heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in Heaven”** (Matthew 10:32-33). Again, it was the Holy Spirit who inspired Paul to write, **“If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation”** (Romans 10:9-10).

It is the Spirit revealed truth that in order to be saved, one must be baptized. The Holy Spirit inspired Mark to quote Jesus saying, **“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved”** (Mark 16:16). It was the Holy spirit who inspired Peter, on the day of Pentecost, to preach that baptism is for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). Ananias was inspired by the Holy Spirit to tell Saul of Tarsus that in baptism his sins would be washed away (Acts 22:16). When one comes to know the truth revealed by the “Spirit of truth” (John 16:13), and is obedient to that truth, he is “born of water and of the Spirit.”

Paul, in Titus 3:5, tied “the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit,” directly to being “born of the water and of the Spirit” in John 3:5. That “washing of regeneration” (the new birth) was what Saul of Tarsus was told to be baptized for in Acts 22:16. In Ephesians 5:25-26, Paul stated, **“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.”** “Washing of water” here has reference to being “born of water” and “by the word” has reference to being “born of the Spirit.” The Spirit has revealed the truth in the word.

Obviously, by believing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, repenting of sins, confessing Jesus to be the Christ, the Son of God, and being baptized—one purifies his soul in obeying the truth through the Spirit (I Peter 1:22). He is “born again, not of corruptible seed, but by the word of God” (I Peter 1:23).

—Tommy J. Hicks

### *Sympathy*

**David Montgomery** (Devida’s cousin) passed away Saturday, July 3rd in Mansfield, OH. He had suffered with Parkinson’s for a few years. Prayers are requested for his family.

### *Prayer Request*

**Ora McAfee’s** had an eye appointment in Lubbock on July 8th. Keep her in your prayers.

**Jackie Rex** was taken to the ER three weeks ago for weakness. Everything checked out okay except she was depleted of potassium which she is now receiving treatment for that.

Estella Morolez has requested prayers for her and the family as, **Juan’s** health declines. He has suffered with Parkinson’s for a number of years now. Please continue to keep the Morolez family in your prayers during this most difficult time.

**Katie Hembree** (Haley Shook’s great-grandmother) is also in declining health. She is in the final stages with COPD and congestive heart failure. Haley is Devida’s grand-daughter and is requesting prayers for Haley, Brendon and all the Erwin family.

Prayers have been requested for the birth of **Clint and Atasi Titlow’s** twins. Atasi is scheduled for delivery on July 15th. The Titlow’s address is 5480 Reed St., Arvada, CO. 80002 if you would like to send them a gift or a congratulations card to welcome their babies.

### *Prayer List*

Maria Anaya; Wayne Anderson; Betty Branson; Bill & Mary Brown; LaDonna Chism; Catherine Eastwood; Dana Erwin; Briana Fuentez; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Cody Guynn; Doug Guynn; Katie Hembree; Vertie Howard; John & Belinda Katon; Mildred Lee; Betty Leeth; Alex & Barbie Martinez; Glenna McCarty; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Wanda Perkins; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; Cynthia Schulze; Jackie Schulze; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; George Warren; Terresia Weaver; Janet Wesson; Charles Wood; John Wood.

### *Eisenhower’s Shut-ins*

Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw.

### *Youth*

Bible Quiz Question ...

Zimri killed Elah, taking the kingship of Israel. When it was obvious, he would be overthrown by Omri, Zimri committed suicide. How did he do it? (I King 16:18)

Last Week’s Bible Quiz Answer

The answer is (True) Martha did think that Jesus was referring to the resurrection in the last day when He told her that her brother will rise again. (John 11:23-24)

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

### *Office News*

The elders have scheduled a “**Work Day**” for Saturday, July 24th at 8:00 a.m. for both men and women.

## Not For Sale

Proverbs 23:22-23 reads, “Listen to your father who begot you, and do not despise your mother when she is old. Buy the truth, and do not sell it, get wisdom and instruction and understanding”. When it comes to truth, we must always be buyers and never sellers. Truth is a long-term investment that is worth everything one has. It is an investment that will pay extra-ordinary dividends as long as one holds on to it. But the moment one sells it; the instant one decides to get rid of it, it will be the most costly mistake they could ever make.

Unfortunately, truth is so little valued in this day and age. Today, people hold opinions rather than convictions. People follow personal feelings rather than biblical precedence. They exalt cultural standards over what God has authorized. We live in a time where truth is being sold like it is nothing more than a cheap trinket at a week-end garage sale. Nowadays the prevailing attitude is MY truth versus YOUR truth. What might be true for you may not be true for me and vice versa. Everyone’s measuring differences is based on their set of circumstances. How many times have we seen the truth bent, twisted or sold to fit a person’s ideology?

Scripture never refers to my truth or your truth, but rather it refers to THE TRUTH! In the book of John 8:31-32 it reads, “If you continue in my word, then you are truly disciples of mine; and you will know THE truth, and THE truth will make you free.” Jesus identified God’s truth as THE TRUTH, AND Himself as the personification of truth (John 1:1). Therefore, the issue is not whether truth exists, or if it is simply relative based on the circumstances. The issue is not whether there is such a thing as absolute truth. God settles all of those questions and, surprisingly, doesn’t ask for our opinion on the matter. The real issue is this—how will we respond to truth? Are we buyers or sellers.

—Chris McCurley

| <b>July 11, 2021</b>      | <b>A.M.</b>         | <b>P.M.</b>    |
|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Announcements             | Jeff Wesson         | Jeff Wesson    |
| Song Leader               | Oliver Hernandez    | Craig Wesson   |
| Sermon                    | Allen Weakland      | Allen Weakland |
| Opening Prayer            | Jeff Wesson         | Jeff Wesson    |
| Scripture                 | Jr. Munoz           | Jackie Perkins |
| Second Prayer             | Larry May           | Gary Loving    |
| Closing Prayer            | Scot Straw          | Charles Wood   |
| Lords Supper              |                     | Tom Sorenson   |
| <u>Scripture Reading:</u> | <u>Jacob Carson</u> | Communion      |
|                           | Josh Weakland       | (In Library)   |
|                           | Bill Ryan           |                |
|                           | John Wood           |                |

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Jeff Wesson 556-5547 – *Deacon:* Jacob Carson 940-3775– *Pulpit:* Richard Siler 556-2151 – *Table:* Tom Sorenson 638-9447 – *Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990– *Recording Sermons:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332 – *Collections:* Tom Sorenson

### **Sunday AM**

“Who Is Missing?”  
(Ephesian 2:11-14)

### **Sunday PM**

“What Happened on the Cross?”  
(Colossians 1:13-15)

**Our Records**

*Bible Class... 60*

*Morning Worship...78*

*Evening Worship...51*

*Wednesday...73*

*Contribution...\$3,978.00*