

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Loving the Truth Enough to Care

Paul tells us that some men are to perish because they love not the truth (2 Thessalonians 2:10). Since men are saved by the truth and the purifying process of truth (1 Peter 1:22), these indeed will perish. One with no desire for truth will most certainly not be open to truth, and thus will not learn or obey truth. We in the kingdom of Christ have obeyed the truth and are in constant obedience to it. Loving truth means that we love all of it and we wish to do all things to promote it.

Let us say some things about loving the truth and loving it enough to care. These points are significant:

(1) We should love the truth enough to study it. We are told to study, as one approved of God and with such diligent care that we “rightly handle” the truth (2 Timothy 2:15). A readiness of mind should always be in us (Acts 17:11) and we should have a permanent and continual appetite for truth.

(2) We should love the truth enough to live by it. Faithfulness to the Lord’s will is seen as an adorning of the doctrine of God (Titus 2:10). We cannot add anything to the body of divine doctrine—we cannot add to the content of the Bible—but we can demonstrate to all what faithfulness to the truth can do in one’s life. That point on “adoring the doctrine” is set in contrast with unfaithfulness, which blasphemes the Word (Titus 2:5). Truth is to be demonstrated in life and we should love it enough to fashion our lives in keeping with the Lord’s wishes.

(3) We should love the truth enough to speak it. To the young preacher, Paul urged, “teach what accords with sound doctrine...in your teaching show integrity” (Titus 2:1, 7). Whether in private conversation with one whom we would like to influence for God and for good or in a public proclamation of the truth, we should desire that the message flowing from our lips or our pen be in strict keeping with the Word of Truth. Paul warned against giving the “indistinct sound” (1 Corinthians 14:8); and with every opportunity to speak, the servant of God may be addressing some who now are receiving their last opportunity to obey before their eternity begins. How all speakers should make sure they utter only truth! How much is that of brotherhood concern just now, when it is evident some are getting their sermon material from sectarian sources rather than from the Bible! We should love the truth enough to take care that only the truth proceeds from our lips!

(4) We should love the truth enough to desire to hear only the truth. This moves us to consider the audience among the saints of God, and who should have a longing for truth to such an extent that nothing else will be tolerated! Sadly, things can be so bad, with so much apostasy unfolding, that men will turn from truth because they no longer will endure it (2 Timothy 4:3-4). That is the apostate. However, within the loyal body of saints, there must be a hungering for truth because of the value placed on it and men who speak otherwise should speedily be informed that they have presented error and that there will be no toleration of such! Nothing would speed the shutting of the false teachers’ mouths like this response from the church.

Yes, the point is the love of truth and the question: Do we love the truth enough to care? Love it enough to care for the Word of Truth, so as to study it continually? Love it enough to make sure that our lives are governed by it? Love it enough to make sure that our speech is Biblical? Love it enough to raise our voices, in the congregations, in insistence that only the truth be set forth from the pulpit? Love the

truth—so needed in a time of apostasy! Do we care? Indeed, “Is it nothing to you, all to you who pass by?” (Lamentations 1:12).

—Bill Jackson

### ***Prayer Request***

Daniel Reyes has requested prayers for his friend, **Casey Devito**. Please pray that God will guide Casey to the right kind of people that can help and lead him in the right direction.

Prayers have been requested for **Nola Beckham** who lives in San Antonio. Nola has just been diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of cancer. Her prognosis is not very encouraging at this time. Please keep Nola in your prayers that she receives effective treatments for this cancer.

**Shane and Nicole Sweeten**, who are Missionaries in South Africa that we help support, have requested our prayers as they are in a devastating situation there. Shane’s family had to take shelter elsewhere as the city where they live is being burned down. The Sweeten’s need prayers for survival from this horrible situation.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Terresia Weaver** started her chemo treatments last week. Please keep her in your prayers that she will receive favorable results.

Young **Tommy Garcia** underwent a tonsillectomy on Friday, July 16th. His surgery went very well and Tommy is home recuperating.

### ***Prayer List***

Wayne Anderson; Betty Branson; Bill & Mary Brown; LaDonna Chism; Catherine Eastwood; Dana Erwin; Briana Fuentes; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Cody Guynn; Doug Guynn; Vertie Howard; John & Belinda Katon; Mildred Lee; Betty Leeth; Alex Martinez; Glenna McCarty; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; Cynthia Schulze; Jackie Schulze; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; 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 ... (True or False)

The two sons of Eli, the priest, were godly men. (1 Samuel 2:12)

Last Week’s Bible Quiz Answer ...Paul says that the witnesses of the death and resurrection were from Galilee. (Acts 13:31)

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

### ***Family Night***

John and Sonia Wood are hosting a “**Family Night**” August 8th in the Annex following our evening service. Bring your favorite homemade ice cream or sandwiches. If you have any questions, please see either one of them.

### ***Birth Announcement...***

Congratulations, to Dex and Jacey Dennard on the birth of their baby boy, Doak Kenneth. Doak arrived Thursday afternoon, July 15th. He joins his older brother and sister, Deacon and Jaye. Mother and baby are doing well.

## Is Bible Doctrine Important?

A fundamental mark of liberalism is its constant attack against “doctrine.” Growing numbers of people are now saying, “Doctrine is not important. Jesus is important. Let us lay aside our petty doctrinal differences and get back to Jesus.

Friend, Bible doctrine is so important that God recorded: *“Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds”* (2 Pet. 9-11). If doctrine is not important these verses mean nothing. Doctrine is of utmost importance!

The word “doctrine” means: “instruction, teaching.” Thus, the “doctrine of Christ” is the instruction or teaching that Christ gave. Is the teaching of Christ important? Is the truth important? Is sound doctrine important? Yes! A thousand times; Yes!

How important is the doctrine of Christ? Paul told Timothy to “give attention to...doctrine” and *“charge some that they teach no other doctrine”* (1 Timothy 4:13, 16; 1:3). Titus was told to *“speak the things which become sound doctrine.”* (Titus 2:1) Paul warned that some *“will not endure sound doctrine”* (2 Timothy 4:3) and to *“mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine”* (Romans 16:17). Every Christian is to *“hold fast the form of sound words”* (doctrine) (2 Timothy 1:13). Therefore, we see not only the importance of doctrine but also the strict warning to anyone who would pervert or change Christ’s doctrine.

If doctrine is unimportant, what part of it can be changed or done away? The doctrine of the virgin birth? The deity of Christ? The church of Christ? The acts of worship? The plan of salvation? Who has the right to change it? How far can he go in changing it? Let us submit to Christ’s doctrine. Therein only do we purify our souls (1 Peter 1:22)

—Garland M. Robinson

### July 25, 2021

Announcements  
Song Leader  
Sermon  
Opening Prayer  
Scripture  
Second Prayer  
Closing Prayer

### A.M.

Jeff Wesson  
Jacob Carson  
Allen Weakland  
Jeff Wesson  
Jordan Zuniga  
Gary Zuniga  
Jr. Munoz

### P.M.

Jeff Wesson  
Cody Wesson  
Allen Weakland  
Jeff Wesson  
John Wood  
Joshua Weakland  
Jacob Carson

Lords Supper

Scripture Reading:

Craig Wesson  
Jackie Perkins  
Cody Wesson  
Oliver Hernandez

Tom Sorenson  
Communion  
(In Library)

**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**

*“Hostility Toward God’s People”*

*(II Timothy 3:12)*

**Sunday PM**

*“Nevertheless, at Thy Word”*

*(Luke 5:5)*

**Records**

*Bible Class... 52*

*Morning Worship...70*

*Evening Worship...44*

*Wednesday...56*

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