

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Questions and Answers Department

### “Are Non-Christians Accountable? Why Are Heathens Condemned?”

1. I hear this statement occasionally: “Those young people are in the devil’s kingdom. It does not make any difference what they do. They are not accountable under the gospel.” What do you think of this?
2. Are the heathen in foreign lands to be condemned in the final day for not obeying the command to be baptized when they never heard of it? - A.T. Harris

- (1) It would be hard to conceive of a more hurtful doctrine than the doctrine that unbaptized people are not accountable for what they do. If it does not make any difference what a person out of Christ does, if such a person is not accountable for what he does, then he might as well be an infidel, a drunkard, a whoremonger, robber and killer of men. Bring that doctrine close home to the man that advocates it, and he will repudiate it! Would he say to his unbaptized son or daughter, “Go the limit while you are not a Christian. So long as you are not baptized, it makes no difference if you are a drunken sot, an immoral wretch, a sneak thief, or a bold robber and killer”- would he say such things to his own child? Is there a man so warped in his thinking that he is devoid of all the finer instincts? This is not the first time I have met with that notion. If these unbaptized people are not accountable for what they do, then they are not sinners. If they are not sinners, then there is no such thing as an alien sinner and no such thing now as baptism for the remission of sins. If the doctrine is true, then the only people who were ever baptized for the remission of sins were the Jewish converts who had sinned while they were under the old covenant. Or will the advocate of this doctrine say that unbaptized people are sinners by inheritance? They cannot be sinners on their own account if they are not accountable. Read such passages as John 1:29; Acts & 7:60; 26:16-18; Romans 1:18-32; 3:9; 5:8; Galatians 2:15; and many others too numerous to mention. Let us not forget that there are certain moral laws and that all people are under these laws, even though they have never heard of the Bible. The uprightness of Cornelius commended him to God. It is astonishing that we should now be told that Cornelius might as well have been murdering the poor as giving them alms and might as well have been cursing God as praying to Him! And, remember, the Gospel is God’s Power to save sinners, not to make sinners.
- (2) The second question is somewhat akin to the first, and raises this question: What makes a man a sinner— disobedience to the Gospel of Christ? If so, he is not a sinner till he hears and disobeys the Gospel. And if that is so, then he was in a state of safety till he heard the Gospel; and if that be so, then the Gospel makes sinners by the wholesale and saves no one, for it could not save that which was already safe. Jesus came to save sinners, not to make sinners. The Gospel is God’s power to save sinners, not to make sinners. Men are lost because they are sinners, and not because they are not baptized; baptism is one of the conditions of salvation. Are men lost because they do not obey the Gospel? Before answering; think. A man is in a deep whirlpool, and is about to drown. You throw a rope to him and tell him to take hold and you will pull him out. He refuses to grasp the rope and is drowned. Why did he drown? One answers: “Because he would not take hold of the rope.” Wrong; the rope had nothing to do with his drowning— he drowned because he was in the water and he would have drowned if there had never been a rope. The Gospel is God’s rope thrown out to a world sinking in sin; if men do not take hold of it, they simply remain in sin and they are lost eternally because they are sinners. Of course, refusing to obey the Gospel intensifies their guilt, for they have refused God’s offered mercy and have trampled underfoot the blood of Christ. They have shown contempt for God’s effort to save them. The command to be baptized does not make sinners— it was issued to men who are guilty of sins. The heathen are lost because they are sinners— lost even if they never hear of baptism. If people will keep in mind the great truth that Jesus came to save sinners and that the Gospel is the

power by which men are saved, they will not have any trouble in settling both questions presented by Brother Harris. But whatever we do, let us not turn the Gospel around and make it an engine of destruction instead of salvation.

—R. L. Whiteside

### **Sympathy**

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Chris Butler**. Chris left this world on the evening of Tuesday, July 17th at Medical Center Hospital. A memorial was held here at Eisenhower at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 21st. Allen Weakland conducted the service. Chris will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Devida's uncle, **Ollie Montgomery**, passed away on Tuesday, July 24th with double pneumonia. His funeral service was held July 26th in Piketon, OH. Ollie was 87 years old.

### **Prayer Request**

Also, continue to keep Hannah Weakland's friend's father in your prayers. **Tom Bauer** is suffering with cancer and his prognosis does not look good at this time.

We were told that **Don Walker**, Director of Southwest School of Biblical Studies in Austin, TX is currently in failing health. We need to keep him in our prayers.

### **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; Densell Fambro; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Winford Hambright; Shirley Harvey; Letha Hooper; Chris & Shirley Landers; Juan & Estella Morolez; Maxine Newton; Caydon Parker; Jackie Rex; Ida Rodriguez; Elvia Ruckman; Janelle Shirley; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; Matthew Simmons; James Stephens; 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.

### **Youth**

#### **Bible Quiz Question...**

Where is Jesus described as the light "that shines in the darkness"?

#### **Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...**

The fruit of an Olive Tree provided the oil for the lamp in the Temple.

### **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.

### **Crib Shower**

We are hosting a "**Crib Shower**" for Jacey & Dex Dennard who is expecting their baby girl, Jaye Catherine, the first of August. They are requesting diapers (all sizes) and wipes.

### **Office News**

The "**New Mexico Children's Home**" will be here Tuesday, September 4th—Need "**Instant Oatmeal**". Monetary donations accepted.

## *Don't Join Any*

All up and down this troubled land  
Confusion reigns today;  
As honest folks on every hand  
In doubt are heard to say;  
"I cannot tell which church to join,  
There are so very many."  
To whom we offer this advice  
You never should join any!  
You cannot join the church of Christ,  
No man can vote you in.  
The Lord Himself will add you,  
When He saves you from your sin.  
Then take no chances, neighbor;  
This race but once you'll run.  
A church you'd join would be of man,  
And not the proper one.  
Beware a church you cannot find  
Within the sacred pages;  
Be safe, dear sinner, rest your soul  
Upon the Rock of Ages  
Be added to His blood-bought church,  
And drink salvation's cup.  
For every plant God planted not,  
It shall be rooted up,  
No mourner's bench on Pentecost,  
The inspired Peter fitted,  
But said, "Repent and be baptized,  
That your sins may be remitted,"  
The Lord, who saved and added those  
Who did, that day, His will;  
Will do the same for you, dear friend,  
For He is adding still.  
Let not false teachers lead you wrong,  
Nor close your eyes in slumber;  
When Jesus said He'd build His church,  
Twas not in plural number!  
No choice of churches, neighbor mine,  
Is found beneath the sun,  
Though men may have ten thousand,  
Our Savior had but one.

*"And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47)*

### **July 29, 2018**

Announcements  
Song Leader  
Sermon  
Opening Prayer

### **A.M.**

Jeff Wesson  
Jaxon Straw  
Allen Weakland  
Jeff Wesson

### **P.M.**

Jeff Wesson  
Cody Wesson  
Allen Weakland  
Jeff Wesson

Scripture	Tom Sorenson	Gary Loving
Second Prayer	Don Easlon	John Wood
Closing Prayer	Dex Dennard	Larry May
Lord's Supper		
West...	Tom Sorenson	Cody Wesson
	Gary Loving	Communion
	Richard Siler	(In Library)
East...	Scot Straw	
	Josh Weakland	
	Josh Wells	

**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 Lord Leads, We Follow"*  
(II Samuel 5:24-25)

### **Sunday PM**

*"Sins of Omission"*  
(Jeremiah 11:8)

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class... 74*  
*Morning Worship...116*  
*Evening Worship...76*  
*Wednesday...71*  
*Contribution...\$4,761.50*