

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Baptized Unbelievers (Part 1)

Two kinds of unbelievers are mentioned in Scripture: 1) some who are not baptized, but believe, not having acted on their belief, and 2) some who have been baptized, but do not believe the things God has said. Both are in danger because Jesus taught, ***“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved”*** (Mark 16:16). Israel believed in God but became unbelievers through disobedience: ***“So...they could not enter in because of unbelief”*** (Hebrews 3:19). Can we as children of God become unbelievers today and not enter into His rest?

Worldly Influence Is Detrimental To Belief

Has the church allowed the world to so influence us into unbelief? In *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Gibbon described five reasons for her fall: 1) an alarming increase of divorce and the breakdown of the home; 2) higher and higher taxes until the load was unbearable; 3) the mad desire for excitement and immoral extravagances; 4) increased political pressures for armaments; and, 5) the decline in religion. Does our present situation fit these descriptions? Are we seeing all of them in our present world? I say we are, resulting in many falling into unbelief.

Baptized Unbelievers Disregard God’s Word

Some baptized people do not believe the Scriptures are God’s Word, although we read, ***“All scripture is given by inspiration of God”*** (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Some want to interpret it away until it means nothing. Some want a new way to interpret Scripture (a “New Hermeneutic.” Even some baptized people are now saying that the Bible is not all true, that some of it is “fable,” and that God must speak to us orally for us to know all truth. These are false concepts, and those so advocating in the Lord’s body are “baptized unbelievers.”

Baptized Unbelievers Fail to Study God’s Word

Some baptized people do not believe it is necessary to study the Scriptures, and by this show their unbelief. Paul commands us, ***“Study (“give diligence,” ASV) to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”*** (2 Timothy 2:15). Yet, some refuse to study for themselves or attend Bible classes. Instead they choose to blindly believe various speakers and writers who want to interpret the Scriptures for us, often misinterpreting and teaching false doctrines. Too many want to have their own way and to do their own thing regardless of what the Scriptures teach about it. Many choose to please themselves above pleasing Jesus Christ and God. These are “baptized unbelievers.”

Baptized Unbelievers Neglect Attendance

Some baptized people neglect attendance, deliberately ignoring Hebrews 10:25: ***“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”*** All manner of excuses are given for failure to meet with the church at the designated time and place specified by the elders of the local congregation. Others, though present, have their attention turned elsewhere. This is sometimes evident during the Lord’s Supper where people are seen to be reading, studying their lesson, or grooming their nails rather than meditating, remembering the Lord’s death. These are “baptized unbelievers.”

—J. Cleo Scott

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Lindsey Wells and all her family in the loss of her grandmother, Marie Bundick. Marie passed from this life on Tuesday, July 18th from cancer. Her funeral services were conducted in Eunice, NM Thursday, July 27th. Again, we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Prayer Request

Glenda Hillis was playing with her grandchildren last week and accidently lost her balance and fell cutting her head and got a black eye. Glenda was taken to the emergency room where she had to have stitches in her head. Keep Glenda in your prayers that she will heal quickly.

Cathy Irby, daughter of John & Sandy Cole, had knee replacement surgery last week. Please keep her in your prayers during her recovery time.

Concerns Update

Kristen Limb (Larry & Janis May’s daughter) had jaw surgery and is slowly recuperating. She will be on liquids and pureed foods for a few weeks. Kristen lives in West Fargo, ND. Continue to keep her in your prayers.

Alana May is home recuperating from her surgery. Alana is the daughter-in-law of Larry and Janis May.

Prayer List

Lee Roy Bell, Jane Burroughs; John Cole; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Glenda Driver; John Ford; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Janis Laminack; Betty Leeth; Kristen Limb; Eliseo Lopez; Alana May; Glenna McCarty; Russ Montgomery; Tanya Nichols; Curtis Parum; Trina Plyler; Elvia Ruckman; Ryan Charles Rutledge; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Jurlean Warren; James Weaver; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson.

Eisenhower’s Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; 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...

Jesus had stopped on His way through Samaria. He meets and talks to a person and says, "If thou knowest the gift of God, and who it is that sayest unto thee, give me drink, thou wouldest have asked of him and he wouldest have given unto thee living water." We hear this person reply, "Art thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well....?" Who is speaking?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

Jesus was 33 years old when he was crucified.

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.

The "**New Mexico Children's Home**" will be back in Odessa September 7th, 2017. They are requesting **applesauce**. Monetary donations also accepted.

NOTE: A "**Family Devotional**" is planned for today (July 30th) following our evening service. It is being held at the Optimist Park (42nd & Grandview) and hosted by the Weaklands and Woods families.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the gift basket of goodies and the card the members of your congregation sent to my husband Eliseo Lopez, Sr.

Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated and we are blessed to call you our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Sincerely and with love,
Eliseo Sr. and Angelica Lopez

Possessions of Jesus

In the lifetime of Jesus we do not hear Him speak of "my house", "my land", "my farm", "my books", "my business", "my money". We do, however, hear Him speak of "my Father" (Matthew 10:33), "my friends" (John 15:14), "my disciples" (John 15:8), "my name" (Matthew 18:20), "my words" (Mark 8:38), "my sheep" (John 10:27), "my joy" (John 17:13). It is significant that our example thought more of spiritual possessions than of material ones.

How empty is the life that's filled with things. Jesus invested His life in you. Have you shown any interest? "Wherefore, my beloved brethren let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God" (James 1:19-20).

—Bulletin Digest

July 30, 2017

Announcements
 Song Leader
 Sermon
 Opening Prayer
 Scripture
 Second Prayer
 Closing Prayer

A.M.

Larry May
 Jacob Carson
 Allen Weakland
 Larry May
 Scot Straw
 George Warren
 Jacob Carson

P.M.

Larry May
 Craig Wesson
 Allen Weakland
 Larry May
 Richard Siler
 Bill Butler
 Tony Marrs

Lord's Supper
 West...

Charles Wood
 Craig Wesson
 Tommy Garcia
 Tom Sorenson
 Josh Weakland
 Richard Siler

Scot Straw
 Communion
 (In Library)

East...

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Larry May 638-3990; *Deacon*: Don Easlon 288-5834; *Pulpit*: Chris Butler 362-7486; *Table*: Scot Straw 368-7852; *Song Leaders*: Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; *Recording Duties*: Bill Ryan 272-5507; *Collections*: Bill Ryan 272-5507

Sunday AM

"A Blessed Wonder"
 (Matthew 8:5-13)

Sunday PM

"In Memory of Her"
 (Matthew 26:6-13)

Our Records

Bible Class... 68
Morning Worship...102
Evening Worship...65
Wednesday...86
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