

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Loving the Truth Enough to Care

Paul tells us that some 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 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 our all to promote it.

In that regard, 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 to or remove anything from the divine doctrine—but we can demonstrate to all what faithfulness to the truth can do in one’s life. That point on “adorning 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. 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. All speakers should be sure they utter only truth! How much is that of brotherhood concern just now, when it is evident that 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 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, 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.

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 and study it continually? 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? “Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?” (Laminations 1:12).

—Bill Jackson

Prayer Requests

Prayers were requested for **Loyce Driver**, who was scheduled to have an Angiogram done on Thursday, August 3rd. Keep in your prayers that the test results are good.

We need to continually keep in our prayers, our members and others who are battling cancer and other serious health issues at this time: **Bill Brown, Glenna Callendar, James & Joyce Drake, Cathy Eastwood, Doug Guynn, Terresia Weaver, Leigh Ann McFarland, Lon and Lana Howard and Naomi Bustillos** (Devida’s neighbor).

Concerns Update

Carolyn Craig (a member at Parkview Church of Christ) was able to go home from Encompass last Monday. She will continue her in-home physical therapy in Jewett, TX where her youngest daughter lives. Please keep Carolyn in your prayers that she can return to good health and be able to return home.

Prayer List

Maria Baeza; Betty Branson; Mary Brown; Naomi and Adelynn Bustillos; Glenna Callendar; Arthur Campos; Sylvia Campos; Charlie Carson; LaDonna Chism; James Drake; Glenda Driver; Cathy Eastwood; Daniel Eastwood; Aisha Garcia; Becky Gillespie; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Cheri Hodges; Lon & Lana Howard; Connie Jimenez; Shane Lester; Charles Lewis; Leigh Ann McFarland; Juan & Estella Morelez; Joe Morrison; Emma Ochoa; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Linda Straw; Bill Tate; Atasi Titlow; Marilyn Upshaw; Jurlean Warren; Terresia Weaver; Josh Wells; Carolyn Wilkerson; Ron Williams; Jefferson Wood; John Wood; Natalynn Wood.

Eisenhower’s Homebound...

Glenna Callendar; James & Joyce Drake; Ronda Lyne; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley & Marilyn Upshaw.

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military and the spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

Events

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

Office News

Tomorrow evening, from 6:00 pm—7:30 pm. we will have a “**Safety Training**” session conducted by the Odessa Police Department. This training session is to teach us what we need to do to protect our members and church building during worship service or at any other time.

Thoughts to remember ...

As we all enter this life, God asks no one whether he will accept life. This is not the choice. The only choice you have as you go through life is how you will live it.

Hatred can be an acid that does more damage to the vessel in which it is stored than to the object on which it is poured.

Middle age is when your narrow waist has become broad, and your broad mind has become narrow.

Can We Be Christians Without Love?

Have you ever met someone who said they were a Christian and was just mean and nasty? The Bible spares no words when covering the topic of love. In fact, to understand our role as Christians we must understand the one whose name we wear—Christ.

How important is it for Christians to emulate Christ? John wrote, ***“Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, ‘I know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked”*** (1 John 2:3-6).

To claim Christianity means we claim the lifestyle that our Lord lived. Paul wrote. ***“Therefore; we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life”*** (Romans 6:4). From the moment one comes up out of the waters of baptism he begins to walk a new life.

Yes, it may be easier sometimes to be nasty, but when one makes the decision to become a “follower of Christ,” or someone who walks after Christ walked, they make the decision to love as He loved. Christ Himself said, ***“Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me”*** (Mark 8:34). Denying self takes great patience and determination. It is that death that Paul spoke of in Romans 6. It is keeping His Word and His commandments (1 John 2). It is what one should mean when he says the words “I am a Christian.”

John writes, ***“Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another”*** (1 John 4:11). Christ’s preaching was to many different types of people, yet He always called out hypocrisy when He saw it (Luke 11:44; 12:56). Would He call out someone’s hypocrisy on judgement day if they stood before him claiming Christianity with a lifetime of hatred to show for it?

—Evan Manning

August 6, 2023

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture Reading

A.M.

Larry May
Jon Roemisch
Allen Weakland
Larry May
David Baldwin

P.M.

Larry May
Steve Easlon
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Caleb York

Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

Jeff Wesson
Bill Ryan

Charles Wood
Richard Siler

Lords Supper

Jacob Carson
Steve Easlon
Tommy Garcia
Trini Wood

Jacob Carson
Communion
(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Larry May 638-3990 *Deacon:* Jacob Carson 940-3775 — *Pulpit:* Craig Wesson 934-4633 — *Table:* Jacob Carson 940-3775 — *Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Recording Sermons:* Cody Wesson — *Contributions:* Jacob Carson

Sunday AM

“Lying” (Colossians 3:9)

Sunday PM

“Emancipation Proclamation” (Exodus 4:22-23)

Our Records

Bible Class... 97

Morning Worship...127

Evening Worship ... NC

Wednesday...NC

Contribution...\$3,821.50