

Eisenhower Church of Christ

The Name Christian

The church of God in Corinth is considered the “problem church” of the New Testament. In his first letter to those saints Paul addressed himself to the problem of division, the lack of moral discipline, Christians going to law against one another, profaning the Lord’s Supper and many others. Perhaps Paul took up the problem of division first of all because of its great danger to the cause of Christ.

It would appear that many of the Corinthians were no longer being called Christians but had begun to wear the names of their teachers (1 Cor. 1:11-12). Paul wrote, ***“It hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.”***

Paul immediately jumped to the attack against this error. While laboring in Corinth for 18 months the Apostle never dreamed that a group would appropriate his name and call themselves “Paulites.” He asked, “Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?” Far from being flattered that a group was wearing his name, Paul was incensed and dismayed. He developed his argument after this manner: (1) *Is Christ Divided?* Paul taught that there is only one body, the church (Eph. 4:4). Where did the Corinthians receive the authority—yea, the gall—to split the church of our Lord? (2) *Was Paul Crucified for You?* Only Jesus died for the sin of the world; only Jesus, as the only begotten Son of God, could. However, if Paul had died for the Corinthians, they would have been perfectly justified in wearing his name. However, he did not and they were not. (3) *Were Ye Baptized in the Name of Paul?* Although Paul did not personally baptize many of the Corinthians, those he did baptize were certainly not baptized in his own name. Paul labored under the same commission as did the rest of the apostles, which included the command to baptize believers in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:18-20). Converts on the day of Pentecost were commanded to “Repent and be baptized ...in the name of Jesus Christ” (Acts 2:38). If the Corinthians had been baptized in Paul’s name, they could have worn his name. However, such was not the case.

The inspired apostle made it clear beyond any shadow of doubt that the Corinthians were not to wear his name; he was not their Savior. Neither were they to wear the name of Apollos or Peter; instead, they were to wear the hallowed name “Christian” (Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16).

The same characteristic should be true of us today. Common sense should tell us that if we are not to wear the name of Paul, Apollos, or Peter, then we cannot wear the name of *any other* teacher or religious leader. But yet, some today call themselves after John the Baptist, Martin Luther, John Wesley and others. Why not apply the same test to these men that Paul applied to himself? Take John the Baptist, for example. Was John crucified for us? No. Are we to be baptized in his name? No. After the baptism of Christ came into effect, a few disciples in Ephesus received John’s baptism. Paul immediately rebaptized them in the name of the Lord Jesus (Acts 19:5). Well then, if John did not die for us, and we are not baptized in his name, why can one wear his name but not Paul’s. Where is the Bible authority to wear any religious name other than Christ’s?

My friends, we the saints of God have determined to be known as Christians—nothing more,

nothing less. Will you not join in with us in rejecting all unauthorized religious names, and wearing only the sweet name of our Redeemer?

—Grady Miller

Response

Hannah Weakland came forward last Sunday morning requesting our prayers to help her start relying more on God instead of trying to handle issues alone that is causing strife in her life. Please keep Hannah in your prayers that she will seek the Lord's help when it comes to handling difficult situations in her life whether great or small.

Prayer Request

Bill Wood is scheduled to have a stent put in his carotid artery. Prayers have been requested for him that all will go well.

Glenna Callendar was back in the hospital because of A-fib. She was to see the doctor from Austin on Wednesday, August 10th who comes to Odessa each month. It has been recommended that she have a pacemaker put in to regulate her heart rate.

Elaine Huntington is scheduled to get a pain shot on Tuesday, August 16th.

Please keep **Julia York** and her pregnancy in your prayers. Her due date is October 2nd.

Concerns Update

Iscl and Timothy Herrera (wife and son of Ubaldo) who were sick with covid two weeks ago were able to attend services last Sunday. The Spanish congregation held their first service last Sunday. We were glad to see them here.

Prayer List

Dr. Hank Abrams; Sheila Alcazar; Kelton Anderson; Wayne Anderson; Betty Branson; Bill and Mary Brown; Glenna Callendar; LaDonna Chism; Debbie Cox; Catherine Eastwood; Dana Erwin; Mark Erwin; Philip Garza; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Elaine Huntington; Mildred Lee; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Richard Ochoa; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Chassidy Rayos; Carlos Reyes; David Ryan; Lisa Salas; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Darryl Williamson; Charles Wood; John Wood, Julia York.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Glenda Hillis; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Glenna Callendar; Ronda Lyne; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw

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

Youth

Bible Knowledge Who said it?

Samuel (when Saul called him up from the grave) said, "why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" (1 Samuel 28:15)

Nicodemus said to Jesus, "how can a man be born when he is old? (John 3:4)

Pontius Pilate said, I am innocent of this man's blood. (Matthew 27:24)

Events

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

Office

News

Our "**Fall Quarter Bible Classes**" will begin Sunday, September 4th. Our fall classes now have assigned teachers and helpers.

The items requested for our “**Food Pantry**” for the weeks of 8/7 and 8/14 are: Instant Potatoes, Canned Evaporated Milk, Dried Milk and Canned Fruit.

Christianity at a Great Bargain

People love bargains (Black Friday anyone?). We look for discounts, sales, freebies, and products at the best value. We look for deals on clothes, groceries, furniture and just about everything else. In most aspects of life, we love to cut corners or get the most out of something without having to give us as much. Unfortunately, sometimes we also look for Christianity at a bargain as well.

What do we mean by “bargain Christianity”? Think of it this way, every religion claims to be able to show how to get to heaven, but nearly every one of them has a different way to get there. As a result, many people end up settling for the “brand of Christianity that requires the least amount of effort from them. They want to get to heaven at a bargain price.

Honestly, if there were multiple ways to get to heaven, we would most definitely choose the easiest one. This is not the reality though. Even though another religion may seem like a steal, they will prove to be nothing more than a gimmick or a knock off of true Christianity. Scripture has always made it clear that there is a very specific and limited way to reach heaven. Jesus said in the singular tense, “I am the way and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me” (John 14:6). To make it even clearer, Jesus talked about one, and only one, road that leads to life and the other road that leads to destruction (Matthew 7:13-14). The inspired apostle Paul reinforced this idea by saying, “There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all” (Ephesians 4:4-6).

There is no such thing as a “bargain Christianity. Either we are part of the one and only church found in Scripture (Acts 2:37-47) or we are being deceived by Satan and those who are “disguised as servants of righteousness” (2 Cor. 11:14-15; 4:3-4; Mt. 7:21-23). The only way to know the truth is to line up with the bible’s commands.

— Author Unknown

August 14th, 2022

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Larry May
Oliver Hernandez
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Caleb York
Jr. Munoz
Doug Guynn

P.M.

Larry May
Josh Weakland
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Isaiah Armendarez
Cody Wesson
Richard Siler

Lords Supper

Scripture Reading

Cody Wesson
Steve Easlon
Tommy Garcia
Jackie Perkins

Scot Straw
Communion
(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Larry May —638-3990 *Deacon:* Don Easlon 288-5834 *Pulpit:* Richard Siler 556-2151—*Table:* Scot Straw 288-4533—*Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons:* Jacob Carson 940-3775 — *Collections:* Jacob Carson

Sunday AM

“Keeping it Real”

(Judges 3:1-11)

Sunday PM

“Nature of Faith” #2

(Hebrews 11:1-4)

Our Records

Bible Class... 70

Morning Worship...108

Evening Worship ...61

Wednesday...69

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