

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Denominationalism vs Christianity (Part 1)

The enemy of the Word is Satan. In 2 Corinthians 2:11, Paul spoke about the fact that Satan works to take advantage of Christians, but also gives great encouragement saying: ***“for we are not ignorant of his devices.”*** The word “devices” could be translated as “mind-set.” We know who he is, what he wants and who he is after. The Devil does not need to pressure the world because he already has them in his hand. Christians are another matter altogether for the Devil. The Devil may rule this physical world, but he should never rule in the heart of a Christian. Peter instructs us to ***“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour”*** (I Peter 5:8). Paul encourages us to put on the ***“the whole armor of God”*** that we can be prepared to stand against ***“the wiles of the devil”*** (Ephesians 6:11). We are a prepared people who serve the prepared God. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 declares that the Word of God is inspired and will furnish us for a life of righteousness. Colossians 2:8 exhorts us that we must be on watch to make sure we are not “spoiled” through ***“philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world and not after Christ.”*** As one surveys the New Testament he will learn that Paul’s “beware” to the Colossians was not new. Notice the Savior’s words: ***“Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves”*** (Matthew 7:15). The Lord was concerned about keeping the Truth pure by identifying the perpetrators of poison: ***“Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees”*** (Matthew 16:6). If our Savior was concerned about the Truth, then we as His children must make it a priority in our lives. One of the biggest dangers the church has faced in its history is division.

### Denominationalism and Division

The word “denomination” comes from the idea of denominate. Denominate means to give a name to or to designate. Denominate is used frequently in this world and we usually do not realize what is happening at the time. If one cashes a check written for one hundred dollars, he may request the currency in “denominations” of tens and twenties. In this sense the word merely signifies a separation into various divisions by name. This is certainly respectable. However, when applied to religious matters the term takes a non-respectable stance. When one changes from Jesus Christ to Denominationalism he has moved into the realm of manmade religion. Thus, we can see that the very idea of the word “denominationalism” is about division because it is going from one item to another. The very definition of denomination, when referring to religion, is a religious organization that adheres to “its beliefs and practices.” Denominationalism simply means division.

### Denominationalism and Unity

Jesus, in John 17, prays a tender prayer of unity for His followers. This prayer was for all those who profess to being His disciple might be one and that they can have the unity he shares with the Father (John 17:20-21). This prayer of unity was worded that the world might believe that He was from the Father. John devotes several passages in the book of John to help us understand that Jesus was here to do the will of ***“Him that sent me”*** (John 4:34; 5:24; 6:38, 40; 7:33; 9:4; 12:44-45; 13:20; 15:21; 16:5). These passages should help us understand the process of unity with the Father. We must be like Jesus who was the obedient Savior (Hebrews 5:8-9). Paul also wrote about unity when he described the division in the church at Corinth (1 Corinthians 1:10-13). Paul wrote about division, the lack of unity, in Romans 16:17 and Galatians 5:19-21. Notice how Paul discussed unity in Philippians 2:2: ***“Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one***

*mind.*” Paul wanted the brethren at Philippi to work toward the same mind, same love and being of one accord together. God’s attitude toward unity is bold and sure. Denominationalism and unity cannot exist together.

—Jonathan Burns  
(Part 2 next week)

### **Sympathy**

We would like to express our sympathy to Nancy Fisher in the loss of her sister, **Jane Burroughs**. Jane passed away last Saturday night, August 18<sup>th</sup>, after a lengthy illness. Her services were held yesterday, August 25<sup>th</sup> in Flower Mound, TX.

Also our sympathy goes out to the family of **Tom Bauer** who passed away last Tuesday night, August 14<sup>th</sup> from a long battle of cancer. He was the father of one of Hannah’s school friends. Keep this family in your prayers.

### **Prayer Request**

Please continue to keep **Winford Hambright** in your prayers. He will have a swallow test at the end of the month. Please stop by to see him at the Parks Living. Winford is in room #405.

Also, **Jimmy Weaver** has a special need of prayers as he faces hernia surgery toward the end of the month. Hopefully this will alleviate some of Jimmy’s pain.

### **Concerns Update**

**John Wood** made a trip to Dallas for more testing last Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Continue to keep him in your prayers that the doctors will find an effective treatment for his MS.

**Raymundo Calzadias**, the preacher at 61st and Ector, was released from the hospital on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Raymundo has some serious health issues that he has been dealing with. Keep him in your prayers.

### **Prayer List**

Elsie Bradford; Brad Bundick; Bill Butler; Raymundo Calzadias; 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; Ora McAfee; Juan & Estella Morolez; 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; 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...**

From which of the first books of the Bible did Jesus quote when He said, “Ye have heard that it hath been said, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.”

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

The second miracle Jesus performed in the city of Capernaum was the healing of the Nobleman’s Son of a fever.

## 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.

**Heath Stapleton** from the Brown Trail School will be here on September 16th to present a lesson concerning the work at the Brown Trail School for the Spanish students.

The *“Lee Street Church of Christ in Midland”* has a Gospel Meeting coming up with Anthony Flunder as guest speaker. The date and time for their meeting is September 16th-20th at 7:00 each evening. Please mark that date.

## Office News

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

There are *“Member Information Sheets”* on each podium in the foyers. Please stop and check your information to see if it is correct and what you wish to share. After checking, please put a check mark to the left side of your name. Thank you.

## The Holy Scriptures

The Holy Scriptures are very precious to him who has true faith. He regards them as the words of God—as a divine proclamation of grace to man; as a record of parental love, as a history of his dear Redeemer and of his own redemption; as the title-deed of his own glorious inheritance; as the only rule of his faith and practice. With its sacred pages open before him, he looks upward and prays, “O Lord, open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.”

While some neglect and despise the Holy Book and others depend upon human creeds and the musty traditions of “the Fathers” he exclaims, “O, how I love Thy law. Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.”

—Williams Holmes

### August 26th, 2018

	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Rudy Ochoa
Sermon	Joe Kelley	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Trinidad Wood	Scot Straw
Second Prayer	Jeff Wesson	George Warren
Closing Prayer	Rudy Ochoa	Richard Siler
Lord's Supper		
West...	Jacob Carson	Scot Straw
	Richard Siler	Communion
	Doug Guynn	(In Library)
East...	Dex Dennard	
	Josh Wells	
	Trinidad Wood	

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* : Larry May 638-3990 *Deacon*: John Wood 413-7444 *Pulpit*: Tom Sorenson 638-9447 *Table*: Scot Straw 301-0549 *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Duties*: Cody Wesson 561-5302 *Collections*: Cody Wesson 561-5302

**Sunday AM**

*Joe Kelley*

*"TBA"*

**Sunday PM**

*"Evangelism"*

*(Matthew 28:19-20)*

**Our Records**

*Bible Class... 79*

*Morning Worship...135*

*Evening Worship...71*

*Wednesday...87*

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