

Eisenhower Church of Christ

A Command for Everyone

There are many difficult commands in the Bible; none were more difficult than the command God gave to Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac (Genesis 22). Our most challenging command might be that of repentance. This command is for everyone. ***“And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead”*** (Acts 17:30-31). Repentance is a change of mind, of attitude and of heart. It is an act of faith that leads to a change away from any sinful lifestyle. Jesus wanted everyone to hear the message of repentance. He said, ***“Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem”*** (Luke 24:46-47).

Salvation in Jesus without a change of life is impossible. Feeling sorry for an action without a change of life is not repentance. Paul said “godly sorrow produces repentance,” but we must understand that godly sorrow is not repentance. ***“For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death”*** (2 Corinthians 7:10). Just saying “I am sorry” is not repentance; but a person who is truly sorry for sins will come to repentance. The Law of God made man aware of sin and showed the need for repentance and forgiveness. ***“Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin”*** (Romans 3:20). Repentance is an act of faith. ***“Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draws back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul”*** (Hebrews 10:38-39).

God desires that we repent and stop sinning. John tells of a woman taken in the very act of adultery. Jesus said, ***“He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her”*** (John 8:7) Most people quote this to try to justify some personal wrong. The scribes and Pharisees were told this because they were deliberately breaking God’s Law in condemning this woman in the way they did. They had no respect for the Law. Jesus told this woman to ***“go, and sin no more”*** (John 8:11). It is vital that Christians stop sinning. Let us observe our weakness and by relying on the atoning sacrifice of Jesus get out of the business of sin.

Who should repent and why should we repent? Those who are not yet Christians should repent and be baptized to be saved. ***“Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost”*** (Acts 2:38). Christians who have sinned also need to repent. When Philip preached in Samaria, Simon, who had been a sorcerer, became a Christian. He sinned by wanting to buy the ability to pass on gifts of the Holy Spirit. Peter told this Christian man who had sinned, ***“Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee”*** (Acts 8:20-22). Repent now! Judgment Day is coming (Acts 17:30-31).

Repentance involves stopping the sins that are in our life. ***“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?”*** (Romans 6:1-2) God loves us and desires our repentance. ***“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance”*** (2 Peter 3:9). Have you repented of your sins? Have you been baptized for the remission of your sins? ***“And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord”*** (Acts 22:16). We must repent of our sins and be baptized into Christ to avoid condemnation at the Judgment.

—Charles Box

Prayer Request

Larry May is scheduled to have a heart procedure done on Tuesday, September 12th in Lubbock. Please keep him in your prayers that the procedure will go well.

Winford Hambright was taken to the ER at MCH early Wednesday morning, August 23rd with a 104 temp, swollen legs and elevated WBC. The doctors are checking for a possible bladder or kidney infection. He is in Room #845. Keep Winford in your prayers.

Ora McAfee had her left knee replacement surgery Wednesday, August 23rd at Medical Center Hospital. She requests prayers on her behalf.

Prayers have been requested for Tom Bauer who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer which is also in his bones and lymph nodes. Tom is the father of one of Hannah Weakland's friends from school here in Odessa.

Concerns Update

Russ Montgomery (Devida's brother) is having a difficult time with his breathing. The doctors have him on his oxygen machine 24-7. Russ is okay as long as he does not move around much. Please keep him in your prayers.

Prayer List

Tom Bauer; Lee Roy Bell, Jane Burroughs; Harold Carrigan; John Cole; Sue Dahlen; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Glenda Driver; John Ford; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Glenda Hillis; Cathy Irby; 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; Susan Simmons; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Jurlean Warren; James Weaver; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; Glenda Winkley.

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.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

What are the first two words of the prayer which Jesus taught his disciples?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

Havilah was the land that the Genesis record referred to when it said, "The gold of that land is good; there is bedellium and the onyx stone."

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.

"**Ladies Retreat**" is at Promise Land on September 15th–16th. There is a signup sheet posted on our bulletin board. Please make sure you sign it if you plan on attending the retreat.

The "**20th Annual Lubbock Lectureship**" at the Southside Church of Christ in Lubbock is scheduled for October 8th–11th, 2017. The Theme is "Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth. The flyer showing all the speakers for this year is posted on the bulletin board.

Office News

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

A "**Fourth Group Leader**" is needed for our "Strengthening the Family Program" which will begin at a later date.

Why?

Why Must I Believe in God, in Christ, and in Their Word?

To please God. (Hebrews 11:6)

To escape the horror of dying in my sins. (Jn 8:24).

Why Must I Repent of My Sins?

To obey God's command (Acts 17:30)

To have my sins blotted out (Acts 2:38; 3:19)

Why Must I Confess Christ Publicly Before Men?

To insure His confession of me before the Father (Matt. 10:32-33).

To receive salvation (Romans 10:10)

Why Must I be Baptized-Immersed in Water?

To have my sins washed away in the blood of Christ (Acts 22:16)

To become a new creature (John 3:1-7)

Why Must I Then Be Faithful?

To avoid falling from Grace (Gal. 5:4)

To receive a crown of life (Rev. 2:10)

August 27th, 2017

Announcements
 Song Leader
 Sermon
 Opening Prayer
 Scripture
 Second Prayer
 Closing Prayer

A.M.

Larry May
 Rudy Ochoa
 Steve Horton
 Larry May
 Tony Marrs
 Don Easlon
 Josh Wells

P.M.

Larry May
 Cody Wesson
 Steve Horton
 Larry May
 Trinidad Wood
 Larry May
 Jr. Munoz

Lord's Supper
 West...

Dex Dennard
 Charles Wood
 Tommy Garcia
 George Warren
 Richard Siler
 Jeff Wesson

Chris Butler
 Communion
 (In Library)

East...

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Allen Weakland 254-8209 *Deacon:* Jr. Munoz 363-1309; *Pulpit:* Jacob Carson 940-3775; *Table:* Chris Butler 362-7486; *Song Leaders:* Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; *Recording Duties:* Craig Wesson 934-4633; *Collections:* Craig Wesson 934-4633

Sunday AM

"Benefits of Spiritual Growth"
 (II Peter 1:5-11)

Sunday PM

"Significance of the Resurrection"
 (Matthew 28:1-10)

Our Records

Bible Class... 70
*Morning Worship...*125
*Evening Worship...*71
*Wednesday...*73
Contribution...\$4,178.50