

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Denominationalism vs Christianity (Part 2)

Denominationalism and Salvation

The manifold wisdom of God was displayed when Salvation was extended to mankind through the eternal purpose in Jesus Christ (Ephesians 3:10-11). Salvation was not an accident and it was in the mind of God from the Beginning. Notice Ephesians 1:4: ***“According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love”*** (cf. 1 Peter 1:20). The Word of God teaches that there is only one way of salvation and Jude 3 calls it the common salvation. In other words, salvation is offered to all of mankind in an equal standard. No voting from mankind. No decision from mankind. No opinions from mankind. No failure on God’s Part. God’s Plan has stood the test of time and it was the Love of God who gave a Savior (John 3:16). It was the Joy of Humanity that kept Jesus upon the Cross (Hebrew 12:1-2). Jesus is clear concerning what one must do to become a Christian. Notice the words of Christ: ***“I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins”*** (John 8:24). ***“I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish”*** (Luke 13:3). ***“Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in Heaven”*** (Matthew 10:32). ***“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned”*** (Mark 16:16). Denominationalism simply states that there are many paths that lead to God and everyone will make their way unto salvation. The reality of Scripture destroys the denominational idea of many salvations. Denominationalism and Salvation simply cannot exist together.

Conclusion

Denominationalism exists today because religious individuals have zeal toward God but not according to knowledge. Paul wrote about his very flesh and blood lineage and described them as a people who were ignorant of God’s righteousness because they were trying to establish their own righteousness (Romans 10:1-4). Man can do everything the Bible teaches Him to do to be saved and never need denominationalism because it is from another gospel (Galatians 1:6-7). When one obeys scripture, he will be added to the Lord’s church (Acts 2:47). Denominationalism threatens the Lord’s church because it weakens the world’s view of the Truth. We should follow the Word of God and reject the divisions of man.

—Jonathan Burns

IT JUST NEEDS TO BE TOLD

How much time, do you suppose, would Paul spend in discussing modern theological questions if he were preaching on earth today? Reckon the message of the 21st Century

pulpit is more concerned with “deep and weighty” things than in preaching Christ and Him crucified? The most eloquent preaching today, as in early days, is done by a devout child of God who tells the story of God’s love to a loved one, neighbor or friend. The gospel doesn’t need oratory. It needs telling! And it can be told adequately and forcefully by any child of God who is earnest and sincere. Just don’t miss your chance to tell it!

—Bulletin Digest

Prayer Request

Jimmy Weaver had hernia surgery, Thursday, August 30th. This will help alleviate some of his pain. Continue to keep him in your prayers.

Please keep **Bill & Mary Brown** in your prayers. They have been very sick for about two weeks now.

Please keep **Kenzel May** (Larry’s brother) in your prayers as he is scheduled to have hip replacement surgery on Tuesday, September 4th in Tyler, TX.

Sondie Williamson (Devida’s niece) was thrown off her horse and broke her pelvis in two places, punctured a lung and has three broken ribs. Sonia is now in a rehab center in Greenfield, OH. Please keep her in your prayers.

Concerns Update

Winford Hambright seems to be doing much better, but still has not been scheduled for the swallow test. Keep him in your prayers.

Gwen Montgomery (Devida’s sister-in-law) is home recuperating from shoulder replacement surgery. She is still in pain. She is in need of 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...

How many books make up the part of the Bible called the Pentateuch?

Last Week’s Bible Quiz Answer...

In Matthew 5:38, Jesus was quoting from Leviticus 24:20 when He said, “Ye have heard that it hath been said, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.”

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— They need “**Instant Oatmeal**”. Monetary donations accepted.

A “**Bible Class Teacher’s Meeting**” is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 15th in Room C—5. Each coordinator will be sharing their thoughts and suggestions pertaining to the teaching program. All ladies who have taught or wish to teach, please set some time aside to attend the meeting.

There will be a “**Deacons Meeting**” Sunday, September 16th following our evening service.

The Simplest Ministry

Be Strong! Be courageous! Do not be afraid of them! For the Lord your God will be with you. He will neither fail you nor forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:6).

To paraphrase it: He who wants to make a splash in the puddle of life must be willing to jump.

If you can read these words, you can make a significant difference in the lives of others. Each of us has unique talents, abilities and strengths with which we can be of help to others. We need only look beyond ourselves to the needs of those around us. There are times in our lives that we stand on the verge of tremendous potentials. We can, with power and purpose, significantly touch the lives of those around us. We are to be a city set on a hill and light in the midst of darkness.

Make that phone call now! Write that note of encouragement. Drop by to see those struggling with pain and disappointment. Do something to share the load, lighten the burden and cheer the heart. This is the simplest, most rewarding and most overlooked of ministries. The opportunity is yours. Be strong!

-Selected

September 2, 2018

	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Rudy Ochoa
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Larry May	Tom Sorenson
Second Prayer	Gary Loving	Charles Wood
Closing Prayer	Jr. Munoz	Dex Dennard

Lord's Supper

(Scripture Reading)	<u>Cody Wesson</u>	
West...	Tom Sorenson	Josh Wells
	Jackie Perkins	Communion
	Scot Straw	(In Library)

East...

Tommy Garcia
Josh Weakland
David Ryan

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Allen Weakland 254-8209 *Deacon:* Don Easlon 288-5834 *Pulpit:* George Warren 557-2171
Table: Josh Wells 770-6753 *Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Duties:* Doug Guynn 260-0440 *Collections:* Doug
Guynn 260-0440

Sunday AM

“Exalting God Through Worship”
(John 4:23-24)

Sunday PM

“Principles for Teaching Evangelism”
(Matthew 28:19-20)

Our Records

Bible Class... 77
Morning Worship...107
Evening Worship...66
Wednesday...90
Contribution...\$4,799.55