

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Nothing But The Truth

When Jesus promised, “you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free,” He provided the much-needed answer to so many questions of biblical interpretation troubling His people today. (John 8:32). These few words from the lips of our Lord make it clear that truth—absolute spiritual truth—exists and can be known or understood.

It may seem odd, at least in light of more modern theology that Christ did not speak of this hermeneutic or that hermeneutic. He spoke openly, unabashedly, of truth, and of truth which is available to be understood.

The inspired writers of the New Testament continued this same attitude toward truth. To the Ephesian brethren Paul wrote, “Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” (Ephesians 5:17). He commended the early spiritual training of Timothy, his own son in the faith, by urging, “But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” (2 Timothy 3:14-15).

Take note of Peter’s words as well. He allowed little sympathy for those “untaught and unstable people” who were twisting the inspired Scriptures “to their own destruction.” (2 Peter 3:16). Though Peter recognized there were in God’s Word “some things hard to be understood,” he nonetheless expected his readers to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 3:16-18).

Inspired New Testament writers did not pen their letters as discussions of this interpretation compared with that interpretation. They wrote and wrote of scriptural truth which could be learned, understood and agreed upon.

Paul never suggested that we all have the right to handle spiritual truth as we choose; he never spoke of truth as absolute but our understanding as relative; he never sacrificed truth at the altar of the latest poll-tested, pseudo-intellectual hermeneutic. No, the peerless apostle expected workmen in the “word of truth” to rightly divide it, to handle it aright. (2 Timothy 2:15).

Divine truth could be learned and understood, known and handled aright in the first century. Are we to believe the same is not possible for those of us living in the twenty-first century?

One last thought: perhaps we would make better use of our time, in the pulpit, in the classroom, and in our own personal study, by centering more upon the truth and less upon what others have said about the truth.

She Could Not See It

She could not see it during the famine.
She could not see it when her family moved to another country.
She could not see it when her husband died.
She could not see it when her sons married foreign women.
She could not see it when her only sons died.
She could not see it when she returned to her hometown in bitterness.
She struggled to make ends meet, though God was helping her.
She could not see it even when things began to turn around for the better.
She could not see it even when financial security and deliverance arrived.
She could not see it even when a son was born to her daughter-in-law.

What she could not see was that baby boy, Obed, became the grandfather of David, the great king of Israel, who was a great ancestor of the Messiah, who came to save us from our sins.

So, when you experience bad things, like Naomi, you cannot see that far down the line, but God has a great plan and you are part of it. Just do your part. (Ruth 1:1; 4:22).

Rick Laing, Highland c/Christ, Austin, TX

Prayer Request

Ivan Rigsby (Devida's Cousin) fell quite ill while vacating in North Carolina two weeks ago. He was taken to a local hospital there where he was diagnosed as having total kidney failure and pancreatitis. Ivan is on dialysis since his kidneys are not working at all. The family is requesting prayers for him to be able to go back to Ohio and continue his medical care there.

Please keep **Marilyn Upshaw** in your prayers. She fell on concrete and broke her right hip and is in Medical Center Hospital—Room #635.

Prayer List

Lee Roy Bell, Susan Bosse, Mack Bradford; Betty Branson; Bobbie Braun; Krizdon Brown; Bill Bundick; Mitchell Bundick; Sissy Bundick; Isabel Chacon; Eddie Chavez; Steve Chavez; Zane Chism; Leta Collier; Barbara Crowder; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Ethan Driggers; Cassandra Driver; John Ford; Monica Garcia; Bill Gibbons; Hattie Gilmore; Kelsey Gomez; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Natalie Hudson; Bobby Hunt; Bryan Jernigan; Charles & Helen Jones; Tracy Leeth; Connie Lowe; Jill McAfee; Elder McCarty; Russ Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Julie Munoz; Laura Olivas; Amber Parker; Trina Plyler; Earlene Poses; Elvia Ruckman; Montrella Ruffner; Andrew Schwarz; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; James Singletery; Madison Smith; Bob Spurlin; Virginia Stanton; Cheryl Thompson; James Weaver; Judy Wells; Lisa Wells; Ryan Lee Wint; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Ruby Davis; Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; Janelle Shirley; Marilyn Upshaw; and Lester Whisenant.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

Where in the Bible would you read about the life of David?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

After the experience on the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus charged them to tell the vision to no man until the Son of man be risen from the dead. They asked, "Why then say the scribes that Elias must come first?" Jesus declared that "Elias is already come." He was referring to the minor prophet Malachi. (Mal. 4:5)

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.

Office News

Our "**Strengthening the Family**" program will have its startup organization meeting/potluck luncheon this morning following our services. We would like to encourage all our members to participate in making our "Strengthening the Family" program an even greater success for the upcoming season.

We are starting a "**Friday Night Bible Study**" for all those interested in learning more about what comes after baptism. We will be studying from the book entitled "Beyond Baptism—The First Steps Toward Heaven" by Kevin Rhodes. You can pick up your book in the office. The cost is \$10.00.

The "**Tipton Children's Home**" truck will be in Odessa October 25-27 for any food items and supplies we have collected for them. They are requesting... **Whole Dill Pickles, Crackers – "Saltines, Club, Ritz", Assorted Cereal, Chicken Broth, Sliced Peaches, Green Chilies, Canned Tuna & Chicken. (Requested Supplies) Aluminum Foil, 13 and 30 Gallon Can Liners, Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Small liquid hand soaps.** (Note: Their list is also posted on the Bulletin Board)

Food Pantry

Note: This is to let our members know that our food pantry is not set up to keep perishable items such as flour, corn meal, sugar, Bisquick, etc. These items (if kept in an un-air-conditioned room) will go rancid very quickly. So please bring only canned goods & packaged items. Thank you.

Five Simple Rules to be Happy

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply
4. Give more
5. Expect less.

Food for Thought...

Ulcers are the result of mountain climbing over molehills.

September 4, 2016

Announcements
 Song Leader
 Sermon
 Opening Prayer
 Scripture
 Second Prayer
 Closing Prayer

A.M.

Jeff Wesson
 Craig Wesson
 Allen Weakland
 Jeff Wesson
 Trinidad Wood
 Mike Roemisch
 Tom Sorenson

P.M.

Jeff Wesson
 Jacob Carson
 Allen Weakland
 Jeff Wesson
 Isaiah Armendarez
 Scot Straw
 Craig Wesson

Lord's Supper
 West...

Charles Wood
 Bill Ryan
 Isaiah Armendarez

John Wood
 Communion
 (In Library)

East...

Cody Wesson
 Dex Dennard
 Dylan Straw

Other Responsibilities: **Elder :** Jeff Wesson 556-5547; **Deacon:** Bill Ryan 272-5507 **Pulpit:** George Warren 557-2171 **Table:** John Wood 413-7444; **Song Leaders:** Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; **Recording Duties:** Chris Butler 362-7486; **Collections:** Chris Butler 362-7486

Sunday AM

"A Royal Savior"
(Acts 5:31)

Sunday PM

"Duties of a Wife and Husband"
(1 Peter 3:17)

Our Records

Bible Class... 71
Morning Worship...132
Evening Worship...71
Wednesday...68
Contribution...\$4,244.00