

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Don't Settle for False Peace

“Peaceful” is not a word that I would use to describe the current condition of our world. In fact, the world has not been in peace since Adam and Eve decided to violate God’s revealed will. In Jeremiah’s day there were those who were proclaiming “Peace, Peace” when there was no peace (Jeremiah 6:14). The nation of Israel had become a nation of backsliders and forsakers. They had forsaken the only One who could save them from the coming disaster at the hands of Babylon. God’s solution was for the nation to seek the “old paths” (Jeremiah 6:16a). The nation’s response... No! (Jeremiah 6:16b) Here is what would happen; “And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the Lord, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not and I called you but ye answered not; therefore will I do unto this house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh. And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim” (Jeremiah 7:13-15). Israel was obstinate and willing to believe a lie in order to make themselves feel better (Jeremiah 5:30-31).

Things are not much different today than they were 2,600 years ago when Jeremiah wrote. Here are three lies that, in the name of God are perpetrated throughout the religious world today...

Salvation comes before being baptized into Christ. Most of those who claim to be followers of God teach either...“accept Jesus into your heart” or “say this prayer to be saved.” While these are commonly held beliefs, they are completely unbiblical! Whether you are reading the words of Jesus (Mark 16:16), Peter (Acts 2:38; I Peter 3:21), or Paul (Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:12; Galatians 3:26-27), burial in water is an absolute mandate in order to be saved. Accepting Jesus and the Sinner’s Prayer are foreign to God’s Word. Yet many, because of their religious heritage or having been misguided, believe those things. Think about this—Saul of Tarsus spent three day in prayer and fasting (Acts 9:7-9, 11). For many today, that would have been sufficient on being saved! Yet, the Bible says that when Ananias arrived, Saul was baptized (Acts 9:18; 22:16).

It does not matter where you go to church—so long as you go. This would be a very comforting thing to believe! We all have family and friends who are members of various religious groups. Would not it be nice if the Bible taught that it does not matter where you “went to church?” We would not have to confront different religious teachings with the Bible. We would not have to expose erroneous worship. We would not have to draw lines of fellowship. We would not have to expose false doctrine. It would be so easy! There would not have to be division because it does not matter—just be a good, honest person and God will be okay with the other stuff. However, just as in Jeremiah’s day, we’re not called to the easy paths. God’s people are called to the old paths; the paths that have been established by God Himself. There is only one church for which Christ died (Ephesians 5:23-27). There is only one church that has been paid for by the blood of Jesus (Acts 20:28). There is only one church over which Christ is Head (Ephesians 1:22-23). There is only one body (Ephesians 4:4). We cannot foster false peace by teaching and believing that the church does not matter.

Once you are saved, you can never be lost. As with the previous point, would not this be so easy? The teaching is, essentially, that since God saves you, God keeps you and nothing you do can change that. Most of the time John 10:28-29 is used to teach this doctrine. However, verse 27 must also be considered: “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.” Man’s being saved from sin and staying saved is contingent upon his hearing and following the voice of Jesus (Luke 6:46)! Hearing and following are both present tense verbs in the Greek. The follower of Christ must continue listening to the Lord in order to stay safely in the Father’s hand. We must abide in His

teaching (John 8:31-32). God's people must never settle for false peace! They cannot be content to believe or practice something just because they have always practiced and believed it! The child of God must constantly seek the old paths—the Scriptures—wherein God's way is revealed. If we are going to speak, we must speak as the oracles of God (1 Peter 4:11).

—Barry O'Dell

Prayer Requests

Carolyn Wilkerson was taken to the ER on Friday, August 28th due to pain in her shoulder. She was able to go home that afternoon. Continue to keep Carolyn in your prayers that she will feel better soon.

Mary Anchondo fell down a flight of steps at her bank Monday, August 24th. She is bruised badly and in pain also having difficulty breathing; she may have a broken rib. Mary was going to see a doctor. Keep her in your prayers.

Cesar Benavides (Rosalinda's husband) has tested positive for the Covid 19 virus. He is in quarantine for a couple of weeks. Please keep Cesar in your prayers that he will be okay.

Jasmin Duron (Linda Tate's granddaughter) has been diagnosed with viral pneumonia on top of testing positive for the Covid 19 Virus. She is in quarantine and really sick at this time. Linda is requesting continued prayers for her granddaughter.

Concerns update

Robert Alcazar (Terresia Weaver's niece's husband) went home with his vest that will act like a pacemaker. He has a catheter on the left side of his heart to take care of all the blood that comes in because the right side is still working at 10%. He cannot have any procedures until he gets stronger and hopes to have an L-Vad which would give him 12 years of life.

Mildred Lee's shingles are healing and she is on her way to feeling way better.

Prayer List

Maria Anaya; Wayne Anderson; Bill Berry; Betty Brooks; Bill Brown; Abessa Chavez; Steve Chavez; Jon Cooper; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Opal Hager; Winford Hambright; Leo Holloway; Vertie Howard; Liz Leach; Mildred Lee; Betty Leeth; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Jr. & Julie Munoz; Barbara Murphy; Rudy Ochoa; Juanita Orosco; Erica Patiño; Trina Plyler; Corina Rodriquez; Diane Salinas; Tom Siler; Sheila Stanton; Tim Tolbert; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Jackie Wallace; Bobby Wells; James & Janet Wesson; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question ... (Multiple Choice)

Who said to King Saul, "To obey is better than sacrifice"? (a) David; (b) Jonathan or (c) Samuel (I Samuel 15:22)

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

The first farmer was Cain.

Events

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

The Ackerly Church of Christ is hosting a “Gospel Meeting” with Brother Mike Bonner from San Angelo, TX –September 13th-16th. The theme is entitled “We Win”. Their invitation is posted on our bulletin board showing the times and titles for each lesson. Please check it out and try to set aside some time to attend if you possibly can.

Office News

The church office will be closed Monday, September 7th for Labor Day.

Food for Thought...

Finish each day and be done with it...you have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it well and serenely.

Don't think in terms of forever. Think of now and forever will take care of itself.

If I Miss Heaven

- I'll miss the greatest, grandest, most glorious place ever conceived (Revelation 21:1-4).
- I'll miss a grand reunion with Christian family members who preceded me (Genesis 40:33).
- I'll realize the tragedy of taking for granted the blood Christ shed in sacrifice for me (Hebrews 2:9).
- I'll recall forsaken opportunities to be a child of God and a faithful follower of the Savior (Luke 16:25).
- I'll never again see the light of day (Matthew 25:30).
- I'll suffer unbearably and unendingly (Mark 9:43; Matthew 25:46).
- I'll never again have the opportunity to praise and worship Jehovah God (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).
- I'll abide forever with the most horrific characters from human history (Revelation 21:8,27).
- I'll be punished with the demons (Matthew 25:41-46).
- I'll not have one friend or loved one to care about my fate (Revelation 21:4).
- I'll have no hope (Romans 8:24; Titus 1:2).
- I'll be lost forever (Revelation 14:10-11).

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Hooker, OK

September 6, 2020	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Oliver Hernandez	Jacob Carson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Bill Ryan	Jackie Perkins
Second Prayer	Cody Wesson	David Ryan
Closing Prayer	Don Eason	Gary Loving
Lords Supper		
<u>Scripture Reading:</u>	Craig Wesson	John Wood Communion (In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Allen Weakland 254-8209—*Deacon:* Tommy Garcia — *Pulpit:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332—*Table:* John Wood 413-7444 — *Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990— *Recording Sermons:* Scot Straw 288-4533 — *Collections:* Scot Straw 288-4533
(Our services are also stream-lined on FB)

Sunday AM

“Assurance of Victory”

(I John 5:4-8)

Sunday PM

“Back to the Bible” (Part 4)

(Matthew 16:18)

Our Records

Bible Class... NC

Morning Worship...90

Evening Worship...40

Wednesday...65

Contribution... \$3,586.00