

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## The Church is Different

God has always taught His people to be different. A major problem of His people has been forgetting this truth and losing their distinctiveness. The nation of Israel wanted to become like the other nations around them (1 Samuel 8). They became like them and God cast them off. Surely there is a warning for the church.

### The Church is Different from the World

The church is different from the world in its attitude and ambitions. ***“They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world”*** (John 17:16). The values of Christians are different from sinners. Sinners live for self. Christians live to glorify God and serve others (Matthew 16:24; Mark 10:45). Are we losing this distinctiveness today?

### The Church Differs from Judaism

Judaism was carnal; the church is spiritual... ***“Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service and a worldly sanctuary... Which stood only in meats and drinks and divers washings and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation”*** (Hebrews 9:1,10).

Look at the word, “carnal.” The church is spiritual (Ephesians 1:3). It is heavenly (Ephesians 2:6); its worship in spirit and truth (John 4:24). This is one reason mechanical instruments of music have no place in Christian worship. It does not suit the spiritual worship of the New Testament. Christian worship must be from the heart. ***“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord”*** (Ephesians 5:19)

### The Church is Different from Catholicism

The Church differs from the Catholic Church in that it accepts the authority of Scriptures. Catholics do not. Consider the following quotation. ***“One must keep the commandments of God and the church”*** (*Catechism of Christian Doctrine, No. 1, pl. 31*). The Scriptures are an authority but not the only authority. In truth, it is no authority since the pope must interpret it. Catholics teach that 2 Peter 1:20 denies the right of individual interpretation. This is a perversion of the passage. Peter is speaking of how Scripture was given by inspiration of the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21). Paul commanded the Thessalonians to ***“prove all things; hold fast to that which is good”*** (I Thessalonians 5:21). He did not say prove all things by what Peter said. The church differs from Catholicism by ***“speaking as the oracles of God”*** (I Peter 4:11, ASV). The church urges all to have an open mind and “search the scriptures daily” to see if what is heard is in harmony with what they have read.

### The Church is Different from Protestantism

The church differs from Protestantism in that it accepts the completeness of the Scriptures. The church has no creed but Christ and no book but the Bible. All teaching is based upon the Book. All questions are decided by what the Bible teaches; not a manual or discipline. It also differs from Protestantism in accepting the completeness of the Scripture and denying the need for a direct operation of the Holy Spirit to be able to understand it. Protestants generally misapply 1 Corinthians 2:14. They think the natural man is the sinner without a direct operation of the Spirit he cannot understand the Bible when he reads it. It is strange that though the Bible is made of words just like one finds in the schoolbooks or the newspaper one can understand them in the book or paper, but not in the Bible.

## **The Church is Different from the Christian Church**

The church differs from the Christian church in its respect for the silence of the Scriptures. The Christian church teaches that where the bible is silent we may speak or act. This opens the door for anything that is not specifically forbidden.

### **Conclusion**

We should not be afraid or ashamed to be different from the world; from Judaism; from Catholicism; from Protestantism, and from the Christian church. One of the greatest problems we face in the church today is the fact that most people are afraid to be different.

—Franklin Camp

### ***Sympathy***

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Hector Ramirez**. Hector passed away on Wednesday, August 28th. He was the Minister at Cherry Lane Church of Christ in Midland, TX. Both his viewing and services were held at the church on the 30th and 31st. Hector was 67.

### ***Prayer Request***

**Paulie Ann Easlon's** had a five hour open heart surgery on Tuesday, September 3rd at the Cook's Children's Hospital in Ft. Worth. The doctors said the surgery could not have gone any better. Prayers were answered. Continue to keep Paulie Ann in your prayers.

George and Jurlean Warren are asking prayers for their daughter, **Trina Plyer**. Trina's cancer is back. She will start chemo treatments as soon as they can get it scheduled. Trina and Bruce live in Mineral Wells.

**Shawn Callender** (Glenna's son) was involved in a car wreck while pursuing a suspicious vehicle on Saturday, August 31st. He has a fractured bone in his neck and glass in his eyes; he had to be cut out of his car. Shawn was taken to the ER for treatment but is home now recuperating.

Anita Smith has requested prayers for her cousin, **Sharon Brown** who is struggling with some health issues.

**Carl and Laverne Neithercutt** (former members of Eisenhower) were involved in a collision with an eighteen wheeler truck in Abilene, TX on Friday, August 30th. Carl and Laverne lost their oldest daughter (Terri) in that accident. Laverne is still hospitalized with multiple injuries. Dedra, the youngest daughter was treated for a broken collar bone. Carl had cuts and bruises. Keep the Neithercutt family in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for the safety of our first responders, **Clint Titlow** and **Kevin Wilcox**. They put their lives on the line every day to keep us safe.

Keep in your prayers all the families in Odessa who lost loved ones that were killed in last weekend's mass shooting. May God heal their broken hearts.

### ***Prayer List***

Brian Basaldua; Don Blackwell; Betty Brooks; Bill Brown; Bill Butler; Cindy Campbell; Sylvia Campos; Steve Chavez; Emma Craig; Ronald Dement; Bessie Diaz; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Winford Hambright; Letha Hooper; Debbie Howard; Betty Leeth; Jed Martin; Ora McAfee; Juan & Estella Morolez; Juanita Orosco; Caydon Parker; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Bill Ryan; Paisleigh Grace Shepherd; Janelle Shirley; Charles & Susan Simmons; Mark Thompson; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Jay Wesson; Carolyn Wilkerson; Sondie Williamson; John Wood.

### ***Eisenhower's Shut-ins***

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

## Youth

### Bible Quiz Question...

Of Joseph's two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, which received the greater blessing from Israel?

### Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

Paul and Barnabas were in Lystra when the people began to worship them as gods. (Acts 14:8-13), where there was a temple of Zeus and where the people believed that sometimes the gods took human form.

## 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.

Eddie Parrish is scheduled to hold a *"Gospel Meeting"* at the Andrews Church of Christ on September 15th-18th. We have posted their invitation on the bulletin board. Check it out for the time and topics for each service.

## On Being a Friend

Spend quality time with friends. Show them your love and God's plan of salvation! Friends don't let friends die without at least teaching them how to die righteously.

A friend is one to whom one may pour out all the contents of one's heart, chaff and grain together. Knowing that the gentlest of hands will take and sift it, keep what is worth keeping and with the breath of kindness, blow the rest away.

A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but *"there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."* (Proverbs 18:24).

*"As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend."* (Prov. 27:17). *"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are friends if you do whatever I command you."* (John 15:13-14).

–Bulletin Digest, Abilene, TX.

September 8, 2019	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Oliver Hernandez
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Bill Ryan	David Ryan
Second Prayer	Rudy Ochoa	Larry May
Closing Prayer	Kevin Wilcox	Bill Brown
Lord's Supper		
(Scripture Reading)	<u>Josh Weakland</u>	
West...	Don Easlon	Clint Titlow
	Trinidad Wood	Communion
	Tommy Garcia	(In Library)
East	David Ryan	
	Gary Loving	
	Jackie Perkins	

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* : Allen Weakland 254-8209—*Deacon* : John Wood 413-7444—*Pulpit* : Richard Siler 556-2151—*Table* : Clint Titlow 972-804-2402 — *Song Leaders* : Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons* : Cody Wesson 934-4646—*Collections* : Cody Wesson 934-4646

### **Sunday AM**

*“His Mercies Are New Every Morning”*  
(*Lamentations 3:21-24*)

### **Sunday PM**

*“God’s Justice”*  
(*Romans 9:22-29*)

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class*... 70  
*Morning Worship*...92  
*Evening Worship*...58  
*Wednesday*...80  
*Contribution*...\$4,458.02