

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## The Church as the Body of Christ—Ephesians (Part 2)

3. The marvelous truth of God having today the body—the same body—for Gentile and Jew alike where they all may be made nigh unto God is the unfolding of the mystery hidden in ages past even to the angels and to the prophets of God. They simply did not know how God was going to fulfill His promises but, now through the church or by observing it in all its splendor, they can see the manifold wisdom of God portrayed. That is the meaning of the great third chapter of Ephesians. This was ordered by heaven according to His eternal promise. Verse 10 is not really a verse on mission work showing the church is to preach the Gospel. Only God could draw the blueprint for such a marvelous and glorious institution as His divine church, the body of Christ. His manifold wisdom is seen in and through it.

4. How can you read even hurriedly the book without noticing that in 4:4 Paul states there is “*one body*,” just one body. As there is but one God and just one Lord there is at the same time today “*just one body*,” His church. Read 1 Corinthians 12:25 to learn again the oneness of His body. Paul says it; I believe it.

5. What a way, to conclude what Paul says about the church by saying Jesus is the *Savior of that body, His church* (5:23). Christ gave Himself for it; He is the head of it; He nourishes and cherishes the church; it is His body; God reconciles all men, Gentile and Jew, in that one body; and there is but the one body, it discloses the manifold wisdom of God and Jesus will save it.

“I love thy kingdom Lord, the house of thine abode. The church our blessed redeemer saved with His own precious blood.”

—Hulen L. Jackson

### “Consider Yourself Warned”

Life is filled with warning signs like, Bridge Out Up Ahead...Poison...Do Not Operate Machinery After taking This Medication. Road Narrows...Do Not Pass...Detour...Travel Advisory...etc. We are wise to heed them. Have you ever considered the four places God placed a “Be Not Deceived” warning sign in the New Testament? Jesus warned, “**Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name...**” (Luke 21:8). It is ironic that this warning about false teachers was given to four disciples whom we think could never be deceived—Peter, Andrew, James and John. Now, if those men who had traveled with Him for three and a half years could be deceived, shouldn't you “Consider Yourself Warned”?

The second time the expression is found in the New Testament is in I Corinthians 6:9, “**Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived, neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortionists will inherit the kingdom of God.**” In an age of increasing immorality, America should heed this warning sign from God “Consider Yourself Warned.”

In this same letter, Paul gives the “Be Not Deceived” warning the third time. “**Do not be deceived; evil company corrupts good habits**” (I Corinthians 15:33). We often give this warning about how evil companion corrupt good morals to young people, but older ones need to heed it just as much. If you think that your ungodly friends could never pull you down, *you have already been deceived!* “Consider Yourself Warned.”

The fourth time the expression is found is in Galatians 6:7-8. ***“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.”*** Every person is either sowing to the Spirit or he is sowing to the flesh. Your life is either focused on this world and all of its deceptive appeal, or it’s focused on your spiritual side. If you think you can live in both of these worlds at the same time, you have already ignored the heavenly danger sign. Wise individuals read and heed warning signs. Wiser individuals read and heed heavenly ones. Are you wise?

—Dan Jenkins

### ***Prayer Request***

**Harold Carrigan** was in the hospital most of last week with fluid buildup around his heart and lungs which made breathing difficult. He was given Lasix for the fluid and his pacemaker was adjusted to get his heart regulated. Harold is back at Madison Medical Resort. Room 408-B. Visitors are welcomed.

Betty Branson has requested prayers for her son, **Damon**, who lives Beaumont, TX. His belongings were heavily damaged when water was released from the levee.

Josh Wells has requested prayers for his aunt and uncle (**Jon and Carol Cooper**) who live in Aransas Pass and had their home and belongings damaged from the hurricane. Keep the Coopers and all the victims of Hurricane Harvey in your prayers.

**Charlene Harris** has requested our prayers as her cancer has returned and enlarged. She will be taking radiation treatments five days per week for the next five weeks. Charlene is an acquaintance of Loyce Driver’s family.

Casey Cleveland has requested prayers for his father, **Jeff Cleveland**, whose home in Rockport was damaged from the hurricane’s heavy winds, but no flooding.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Wilene Wright** got results back from her tests taken a few weeks ago. She was diagnosed with HBP and was put on medication.

**Ora McAfee** is at Madison Medical Resort going through rehab following her knee replacement surgery. She is in Room #313-B.

**Larry May** will be having his heart procedure this Tuesday, September 12th, in Lubbock. 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...**

When Paul went unto James and all the elders he was instructed: "Take and purify thyself with them, that they may shave their heads:" What was distinctively different from this and the vow of the Nazarite?

**Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...** Zadok, the Priest anointed Solomon to be king.

## **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**

Ladies, we will be stuffing "**Heart Pillows**" Saturday, September 30th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Bldg. - Room C-5. Ladies, thank you so much for your participation in this worthwhile project. Please "No snacks" this time.

## Where is Our Emphasis?

Birds build their nests, raise their young, and make their annual flights to other climates. But, so far as is known, no bird ever tried to build more nests than its neighbors, and no fox ever fretted because he only had one hole in the earth in which to hide and no squirrel ever died of anxiety lest he had not laid up enough nuts for two winters instead of one and no dog ever lost sleep over the fact he did not have enough bones buried in the ground for his declining years. Are we putting emphasis on the wrong things? See Matthew 6:26!

—via Findlay church of Christ  
Sparta, TN

### **September 10, 2017 A.M.**

Announcements	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	John Wood
Sermon	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	Trinidad Wood
Second Prayer	George Warren
Closing Prayer	Mike Roemisch

### **P.M.**

Jeff Wesson
Jacob Carson
Allen Weakland
Jeff Wesson
Richard Siler
Bill Brown
Craig Wesson

Lord's Supper

West...

Cody Wesson

Tony Marrs

Tom Sorenson

East...

Richard Siler

Larry May

Josh Weakland

Don Easlon

Communion

(In Library)

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* : Jeff Wesson 556-5302; *Deacon*: Rudy Ochoa ; *Pulpit*: Bill Tolbert 381-5564;  
*Table*: Don Easlon 288-5834; *Song Leaders*: Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; *Recording Duties*: Chris Butler 362-7486;  
*Collections*: Chris Butler 362-7486

### **Sunday AM**

*"Do We Really Care?"*

*(Romans 9:1-5)*

### **Sunday PM**

*"Introduction to Hebrews"*

*(Hebrews 11:1-4)*

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class... 70*

*Morning Worship...120*

*Evening Worship...54*

*Wednesday...88*

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