

Eisenhower Church of Christ

The Doctrine of a Second Chance

The doctrine of a second chance is one of the most alluring and attractive heresies offered to a gullible public by the Jehovah's Witnesses cult. They teach that Christ died that men might have a second chance at salvation beyond the grace God now offers.

"Pastor" Russell wrote... Those who do not receive a full knowledge and, by faith, an enjoyment of this favor of God in the present time (and such are the great majority, including children and heathen) will assuredly have these privileges in the next age or "world to come" (the dispensation or age to follow the present). To this end, "all who are in their graves" shall come forth (*Studies in the Scriptures*, Series 1, pp. 129-130).

When in 1872, I came to examine the subject of Restitution from the standpoint of the ransom price given by our Lord Jesus for Adam, and consequently for all lost in Adam, it settled the matter of restitution completely and gave me the fullest assurance that all must come forth from their graves and be brought to a clear knowledge of the Truth and to a full opportunity to gain everlasting life through Christ (Autobiography, as quoted in *Studies in the Scriptures*, Series 7 pp. 53-54).

And "Judge" Rutherford wrote... Then the mighty Executive Office of Jehovah God, he who holds the keys, shall open the doors of hell and death and bring forth the countless millions that are there, that they may be given the truth and have their trial, a full opportunity to be reconciled to God and to live forever (*Reconciliation*, p. 311).

During that time... There will be none there to influence him to disobey. If he willfully disobeys the law, however, he shall suffer. It seems clear from the Scriptures that the Lord will grant him a hundred years to prove whether he will or will not try to do right (*Ibid*, p. 322). Such a theory is totally foolish and untaught in the Scripture as to hardly deserve an answer.

THE BIBLE TEACHES that, "**He that believeth not is condemned already**" (John 3:18). "**Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish**" (Luke 13:3). "**And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment**" (Hebrews 9:27). This language is definite; the only thing left after death is the judgment. There is no room here for any kind of a second chance. When Christ comes again it will be "**in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**" (2 Thessalonians 1:8).

THE BIBLE FURTHER TEACHES that salvation is offered now and asks the question, "**How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?**" (Hebrews 2:3). Christ said,

"He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he that is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give to every man according as his work shall be" (Revelation 22:11-12).

When Christ comes again it will be to reward every man according to his works—*not to give him a second chance* to amend, change or modify any of those works. Whatever condition a man is in when the Lord comes, that is the condition in which he will be judged. And by that judgment his eternal destiny is fixed. There will be no *second chance* for anybody.

— Allen Robertson

Placed Membership

We would like to say “Welcome” to **Daniel Reyes** who placed his membership with us on August 2nd. He has expressed a desire to work with us under the guidance of our elders in service to our Lord. Welcome Daniel.

Prayer Requests

Glenna McCarty is having problems with her blood pressure. It has been very high lately. She was prescribed an additional BP pill and is still not feeling well. The high blood pressure is causing other problems. Glenna saw her kidney doctor last week and will see her heart doctor on the 15th. Please keep her in your prayers that she can get her BP under control.

Maria Anaya will have a couple of stents put in on September 17th in El Paso; one in her leg and the other closer to her heart. Please keep Maria in your prayers that all will go well for her.

Jackie Rex hurt her neck. She cannot move her head to the right, left or up. The doctor could not detect any bone issue so she prescribed her some pain medication and a muscle relaxer. She has a follow up doctor’s appointment scheduled.

Daniel Reyes has requested prayers for his brother, **Richard Sustaita** who is in ICU in Houston; in critical condition from the Covid-19 virus. Richard is a member of the 77th Street congregation in Houston. Please keep him in your daily prayers that he can overcome this virus.

Concerns update

Carolyn Wilkerson’s shoulder pain is somewhat better. She had a doctor’s appointment on the 3rd. Continue to keep her in your prayers.

Prayer List

Robert Alcazar; Maria Anaya; Mary Anchondo; Wayne Anderson; 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 Rodriguez; Diane Salinas; Tom Siler; Sheila Stanton; Tim Tolbert; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Bobby Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Carolyn Wilkerson; John Wood.

Eisenhower’s Shut-ins

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

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 ... (Multiple Choice)

When Jesus said, “I am going away...Where I go you cannot come,” the Jews thought He was going: (a) To the mountains (b) to heaven; or (c) to kill Himself (John 8:22)

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

It was Samuel who told King Saul, "To obey is better than sacrifice".

Events

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

Gloria Craig is hosting a "**Family Devotional**" on Saturday, October 10th at 4:00 pm. She is having Chili Dogs. Please check with her as to what you can help out with. Everyone is invited.

WATCH!

To "watch" is to be on the lookout, to be alert and vigilant. "Watch" is a constant admonition in Scripture. In addition to other words translated "watch," the Greek word "gregoreo" appears 22 times in the New Testament. God wants us to watch, but for what?

Many of the admonitions to "watch" have reference to the Second Coming of Christ. "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming" (Matthew 24:42). "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming" (Matthew 2:13). Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober" (I Thessalonians 5:6). "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame." (Revelation 16:15).

Elders are the shepherds and overseers of the flock; the local congregation. As such, they need to watch (Acts 20:28-31). They have the great responsibility to watch for our souls (Hebrews 13:17). But all Christians need to watch! Paul exhorted, "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love" (I Corinthians 16:13-14). Peter exhorted, "Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" (I Peter 5:8). Here the word "vigilant" (gregoreo) means "to watch".

The admonition to "watch" is often connected to prayer. "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matthew 26:41). "Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving" (Colossians 4:2). "Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching" (Luke 12:37).

—Dwight Fuqua

September 13, 2020

A.M.

Announcements	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw
Sermon	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Josh Weakland
Second Prayer	Craig Wesson
Closing Prayer	Josh Wells

P.M.

Allen Weakland
Oliver Hernandez
Larry May
Allen Weakland
Scot Straw
David Ryan
Gary Loving

Lords Supper

Scripture Reading: Jeff 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 live streamed on FB)

Sunday AM

"The Core Christianity"

(I John 5:18-21)

Sunday PM

"Back to the Bible" (Part 5)

(Romans 16:16)

Our Records

Bible Class... 34

Morning Worship...59

Evening Worship...30

Wednesday...57

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