

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Attitudes toward Truth

What is our attitude toward truth? Do we look upon another whose conduct may not be in harmony with truth and use that as an excuse to brush it aside? Suppose the whole world rejects the truth and is lost, is that any reason you should do so? What is your disposition of mind toward God's Word? Is it one of reverence and respect? Or, do you treat it lightly, feel it is not worthy of serious consideration and unnecessary to obey?

The Source of Truth

Pilate asked Jesus, "What is truth?" God's Word is truth (John 17:17) and "grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" The Word is called the law of the Spirit (Romans 8:2) which was given by God to Christ, Who, in turn, delegated authority to the Holy Spirit, Who revealed the truth through the apostles and other inspired men of their day (John 16:12-15; 17:8).

Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:45). First Peter 1:23 shows the Word to be incorruptible, not subject to decay. These statements should impress us with the fact that though one may oppose the truth, he cannot remove or destroy it. Regardless of all the opposition to it and the perverting of it by the sectarian world, truth remains and all must stand or fall by it. (2 Corinthians 13:8).

What is your attitude toward the truth? Our reception of any truth depends on our attitude toward it. If we are seeking to please ourselves, then only such truth as suits one will be accepted. When the people on earth in the Lord's Day rejected Him, was it because of who spoke? Did not the Lord speak the truth? When truth is spoken, we should accept it, regardless of who teaches. Improper attitudes and refusal to accept and abide by truth will hinder and even prevent salvation.

The Value and Importance of Truth

Be impressed with the fact that God's truth revealed in the Bible is indestructible. The New Testament is Christ's will, the terms of which must be kept to be saved (Hebrews 9:1-17). It is the law of the Spirit which must be obeyed (Romans 8:2) and is just as binding and unchangeable as the laws of nature. Acts 3:22-23 shows us that we must hear Christ in all things or otherwise be lost. Anyone who does not stay within the bounds of the teaching of Christ is without God and Christ, hence, is under condemnation (2 John 9-10). Such passages as these ought to sober us; make us stop and think.

Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). Since truth makes us free, error does not. Any form of doctrine not found in the New Testament is not truth, thus cannot make us free. Truth mixed with error equals error and cannot save. Jesus pointed out that the doctrines of men make void the word of God (Mark 7:7-13). Names in religion, doctrines and institutions of men are not truth. Hence, to follow them does not make one free from sin, but adds to sin. They constitute no less than rebellion against God. Read (1 Samuel 15:22-23)) and see God's attitude toward such.

The New Testament is our complete and infallible guide (2 Timothy 3:16-17). It furnishes everything that we need or can have that pertains to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3). Therefore, for their souls' sake, we plead, test all doctrines by God's Word, to see whether they are of God, "for many false prophets are gone out into the world" (I John 4:1). Those who pervert the Gospel by adding the doctrines of men—even at one point—are under the most serious judgment of God. (Galatians 1:6-9).

We Should Never be Offended at Truth

God's Word is His representative on earth today. This Word was given through inspired men (John 16:12-15; Matthew 18:16). To accept the Word without variation is to accept God, Christ and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 10:40). To despise that Word, is to despise and reject the Godhead (Luke 10:16).

Our Lord was hated, not merely because He taught the truth, but because truth condemned the sins and false doctrines of His day (John 8:32:-44). Paul asked, "Am I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth? (Gal. 4:16). One can preach some truth and never condemn error, but he cannot preach the whole truth and fail to do so. When one presents the truth from God's Word exactly as He gave it, and is hated for it, the one who hates does not hate the teacher, but Christ.

—Roy J. Hearn

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Richard Sustaita**. Richard passed away last week from the Covid virus. He was a member at the 77th Street congregation in Houston and also a preacher. Keep this family in your prayers. Richard was a friend to Daniel Reyes.

Also, our condolences go out to Christina Ochoa and her mother in the passing of her father, **Lee Murphy**, on Tuesday, September 8th. Keep them in your prayers.

Prayer Requests

Cathy Eastwood (Robbie Butler's daughter) underwent surgery last Wednesday, September 16th. Prayers have been requested that she has a fast recovery. Cathy lives in New Mexico.

John Wood has requested prayers for the wife of a friend, **Trey Fortune**. She is an RN and has been diagnosed with the Covid 19 virus.

Gabriella Cleveland has requested prayers for her mother, **Albessa Chavez**. Albessa underwent a full hysterectomy surgery on September 14th. Gabby was able to be with her mom.

Keep **Maria Anaya** in your prayers. She underwent her stent surgery in El Paso on Thursday, September 17th. Pray that she does well with this surgery.

Barbara Murphy was taken back to the hospital on Sept. 8th due to severe pain.

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; Glenna McCarty; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Jr. & Julie Munoz; Barbara Murphy; Rudy Ochoa; Juanita Orosco; Erica Patiño; Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; 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.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question ...

What was Goliath's lineage? (I Samuel 17:4)

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

When Jesus said, "I am going away...Where I go you cannot come," the Jews thought He was going to... (c) kill Himself (John 8:22).

Thank You

Sheila Stanton (Christy's mom) wants to thank everyone for the cards and prayers; she is still in need of prayers as they do tests for her weakness.

Dear Church Family, I am so blessed to be a part of God's family! I cannot understand how anyone can get through all the health issues we go through each year alone. We can always know our Lord is easy to call on and also our church family. Thank you all!

Love, Jackie Rex

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.

We will have a "**Prayer Service**" on Sunday, September 27th at our evening service. We will be praying for our country and also our political leaders.

There will be a "**Deacon's Meeting**" this evening following the service in the Library.

The Working of God

"Buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead" (Colossians 2:12)

We tire of the deniers of truth who constantly assail baptism in the name of Christ as an optional command that is unnecessary to salvation. God commands baptism of believing penitents, and God never gave an empty, worthless command (Acts 10:48)! In fact, baptism in Christ's name is "for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). By far, the most important work in baptism is what God does, not what the subject is doing, when one is being baptized. **GOD WORKS** in baptism! According to Colossians 2:11-12, (the working of God is being accomplished) when the sinner is immersed. What is this work? The circumcision of the heart (the removal of sin by Christ's blood, Romans 6:3; Acts 22:16). In baptism, the old man of sin is destroyed and the new saved man is raised up by God's power (Romans 6:3-6). One who denies the place of baptism in God's saving plan denies God's work in saving the sinner and sees it only as a work of man. They have greatly erred! While the sinner seeking salvation must obey some commands which are God-given conditions of salvation, yet by his obedience, he expresses his faith in what God will do when he obeys!

—Darwin Hunter

September 20, 2020

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer
Lords Supper
Scripture Reading:

A.M.

Allen Weakland
Craig Wesson
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Jaxon Straw
Josh Wells
Doug Guynn
Joshua Weakland

P.M.

Allen Weakland
Jacob Carson
Jeff Wesson
Allen Weakland
Tom Sorenson
Cody Wesson
Larry May
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 Foundation of Fellowship”
(I John 1:5-10)

Sunday PM

“Back to the Bible”
(Lesson #3—Pt #1)
(Isaiah 59:1-2)

Our Records

Bible Class... 58
Morning Worship...90
Evening Worship...40
Wednesday...39
Contribution... \$5,274.00