

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## What I Gained by Becoming a Christian

A lot of times, we who are Christians blame God if He does not help us get rich or we think we are a deprived people if we do not have a lot of this world's goods like our worldly friends. When I became a Christian, I wanted to give up certain things, but by doing so, I gained far more than I gave up.

*I gained God as My Father and Christ as My Savior.* In Galatians 3:26, Paul states it this way, **“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.”** In John 8:44, Jesus called those people who did not want to accept Him as Messiah children of the devil. They had let the devil darken their hearts and they did not want to acknowledge Jesus as their Lord.

When I became a Christian, I followed the divine pattern that God set out in His Holy Book. I hear the Word of God (Romans 10:13ff), which in turn, produced faith in Christ. **“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen”** (Hebrews 11:1). **“But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him”** (Hebrews 11:6). Then, I repented of my sins as Christ said to do (Luke 13:3). I confessed Him as Christ (Matthew 10:32-33), and I was baptized in the watery grave of baptism to have my sins forgiven (Romans 6:3-4; Acts 2:38). When I did those things, the Lord added me to His body the church (Acts 2:47).

Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 5:17: **“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.”** Now, with God as my Father and Christ as my Savior, I am no longer under the heavy yoke of the devil, but I submit myself the easy yoke of Christ (Matthew 11:28:30). Again, Paul says, **“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God”** (Colossians 3:1-3). Now, I know if I remain faithful to God and keep the faith, I can be prepared like Paul was (2 Timothy 4:6-8), but I have to remind myself always that our Lord gave up the glory of Heaven and even His very life to bring us to God. He did not promise us a rose garden.

*I Gained Heaven as My True Home.* We can read in John 17:1-2 that one day Jesus will return for His people and judge us all. Those who have obeyed the Gospel and remained faithful will go to dwell with God and Jesus forever. Like Moses, Abraham and the faithful of old, I am looking for a home not made with hands. The world is telling people today to grab all of life and pleasure you can. The world says, “When you die, you are like Rover, dead all over.” Christians are not of this world. We are just passing through and we have to remind ourselves to keep our heart and mind on that heavenly land.

In Galatians 6:7, Paul wrote: **“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”** Just think! What would I be without Christ? Nothing! If I were not a Christian what would I be right now? Would I be a murderer; a thief; or some other godless person? Well, if I were not a Christian, I would be lost and on my way to a devil's Hell! When I became a Christian, I gained God as my Father, Jesus Christ as my Savior and Heaven as my home.

*I Gained the Promise of God's Care.* Last, but not least, God has promised to take care of my needs. “And Jesus answered and said, **“Verily I say unto you, there is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake and the gospel’s, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses and brethren and sisters, and mothers, and children and lands with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life”** (Mark 10:29-30). So, next time you think you would be happy if you had this or that, *Wake Up!* If being in Christ and serving Him does not make you happy, nothing will!

—Lee Harber

### **Prayer Request**

**George Warren** was sick last week and on medication. Also, George has requested prayers for his sister, **Barbara Crowder** who is dealing with cancer related problems and is in need of prayers. Barbara lives in Weatherford, TX.

Melissa Moore is requesting prayers for her son, **Jason Moore**. Jason is struggling with some serious health issues at this time and has been put on antibiotics. He lives in Waxahachie. Keep Jason in your daily prayers that he will be well soon.

**Leo Holloway** (Karla Warren’s father) was being scheduled for open heart surgery in Plano, TX. He is to have 4 bypasses and a valve repaired. Please keep Leo in your prayers.

**Debbie Howard** (Devida’s cousin) was taken to the hospital last week due to weakness. She is in need of heart surgery, but unable to have it done because her blood does not coagulate. Debbie is in need of prayers.

### **Concerns Update**

**Mark Thompson** (Linda Tate’s son-in-law) was awakened out of his induced coma last week at Baylor Hospital. Mark still has a lot of health issues to overcome. He is in need of prayers.

### **Prayer List**

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

### **Eisenhower’s Shut-ins**

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

## **Youth**

### **Bible Quiz Question...** (Multiple Choice)

Philip met an Ethiopian eunuch on the road and presented the gospel to him. The eunuch was in the service of what person (a) King Augustus (b) Queen Candace or (c) King Alexander?

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

Paul and his companions encountered a slave girl with a spirit of divination in Philippi.

## **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.

The "**22nd Annual Lubbock Lectureship**" will be held on October 13th-16th. The flyer is posted on the bulletin board listing all the speakers and topics. This year's theme is "Man is Justified by Faith." Please try to attend one or more of these lectures if you can.

## **Office News**

### **SEPTEMBER ATTENDED NURSERY**

9/22/19 Nancy E. & Bonnie

9/29/19 Holly & Gloria

**STF Group #4** will have their meeting and luncheon in the Annex this morning following the A.M. service. All visitors are welcome.

Sunday, September 29th is our "**Fifth Sunday Services**". We will have a potluck luncheon after our morning service followed by the P.M. service. All visitors are welcomed.

### **LOVE AND HATE**

***"Therefore all your precepts concerning all things, I consider to be right; I hate every false way."***  
**(Psalm 119:128)**

In the "Scripture Thought" above, no doubt you noticed that children of God must learn what to hate and what to love (Psalm 119:128). We must love God with all our hearts (Matthew 22:37), while learning to "hate every false way." What we hate will also shape what we love. If we hate falsehood, we will also love the truth. If we hate sin, we will love righteousness. If we hate injustice, we will also love fairness and equity. If we love God's truth as revealed in His Word, we will oppose and seek to defeat every teaching which is out of harmony with it. Since God's Word is "right" in every respect, then anything which contradicts it is wrong and cannot be right. We must have both holy love and hatred!

—Darwin Hunter  
Shreveport, LA

**September 22, 2019**

Announcements  
 Song Leader  
 Sermon  
 Opening Prayer  
 Scripture  
 Second Prayer  
 Closing Prayer

**A.M.**

Allen Weakland  
 Jaxon Straw  
 Allen Weakland  
 Allen Weakland  
 Bill Ryan  
 David Ryan  
 Joshual Weakland

**P.M.**

Allen Weakland  
 Oliver Hernandez  
 Allen Weakland  
 Allen Weakland  
 John Wood  
 Jackie Perkins  
 Bill Tolbert

**Lord's Supper****(Scripture Reading)**

West...

Jacob Carson

Tom Sorenson  
 Trinidad Wood  
 Larry May

Clint Titlow  
 Communion  
 (In Library)

East

Rudy Ochoa  
 Josh Wells  
 Kevin Wilcox

**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**

"TBA"

**Sunday PM**

"TBA"

**Our Records**

*Bible Class*... 52  
*Morning Worship*...77  
*Evening Worship*...64  
*Wednesday*...80  
*Contribution*...\$4,205.50