

Eisenhower Church of Christ

No Overturning the Case for Christ

Throughout the centuries many people have tried to discredit the Christian religion. Since Christianity is based on the resurrection, one of the earliest attacks took place just hours after Christ's tomb was found empty. Roman soldiers were told to lie to cover up that which was humanly unexplainable! Yet, since then not even one person has been able to drive a nail in the coffin of the Christian faith.

Some have attacked the Bible, the source document of Christianity. Many have claimed that there are contradictions and errors throughout the Bible. Of course, though there may appear to be contradictions, upon further study those "apparent contradictions" have reasonable explanations. They do not contradict at all. They supplement a narrative or provide a perspective from another angle (even lawyers in court cases will discredit cases where the eyewitness accounts are too similar). If such were not the case, atheists and other opponents of Christianity would travel the world with their "proof case" of a contradiction or error that proves the Bible is a hoax. No such "proof case" has been made!

Others suggest that the Bible is unreliable. They suggest that we cannot know what we have today is actually what God revealed years ago. There are presently 5,686 Greek New Testament manuscripts in existence today. If we compare the number of New Testament manuscripts to other ancient writings, we find that the New Testament manuscripts far outnumber the others in quantity. There is also much less time between the origin of the Scriptures and the sources that support it. For example, consider Homer's *Iliad*. There are only 643 known copies of it, and the oldest copy is dated 500 years after the time of the *Iliad's* writing. Compared to the New Testament documents there are over 5,600 known copies, some of which date less than 100 years after the original time of writing. As you can see, there are thousands more New Testament Greek manuscripts than other ancient writing of the *Iliad*. This holds true in comparing numerous other ancient writings that are not considered questionable. Also, there are over 19,000 copies in the Syriac, Latin, Coptic and Aramaic languages. The total supporting the New Testament manuscript base is over 24,000.

Others have claimed that Jesus never really died on the cross and thus, He was not resurrected for the dead. This is not the only attack upon the resurrection, which is a core doctrine of the Christian faith. Some claim that Jesus did not really rise from the dead but that people only hallucinated and reported such as evidence of the resurrection. When you consider that over 500 people saw Jesus after His resurrection (1 Corinthians 15), it is highly unlikely that they were just hallucinating. Dr. Gary Collins states that hallucinations by their nature are individual events. One psychologist noted that it would be a bigger miracle for 500 people to hallucinate that they saw the resurrected Jesus than for Jesus to have actually been resurrected, as Christianity claims.

Some suggest that either the disciples of Jesus or His enemies stole His body out of the tomb. Such is easily refuted. There is no way to explain why His disciples would die for something they know to be a hoax, nor why the enemies, if they wanted to defeat Christianity, would not simply produce the body of Jesus and laugh in the face of those who claimed He had been raised from the dead.

Today, Christianity remains the one true religion of the one true God. Jesus did as He

claimed He would—He rose from the dead! He is Lord. The only question that remains is, “Do you recognize Him as Lord?” If not, will you not do so today by putting Him on in baptism?

—John Board

Prayer Requests

Ronda Lyne is in ICU #16 at Medical Center Hospital. She has had a broken hip since March and is in a lot of pain. The doctors say she is not a good candidate for hip surgery. Ronda has also dealt with MS for many years. She is in need of our prayers that something can be done for the pain in her hip.

David Wright, Wilene’s son, had to go to the hospital last weekend. He was diagnosed with pneumonia and additional testing showed that he also has diabetes. David was put on bed rest for a few days. He is in need of prayers to get well soon since he is the caregiver of his mom at this time.

Concerns Update

Trina Plyler is still in a hospital in Ft. Worth in the Hospice Care Unit. She has battled cancer for a very long time and in a very serious condition. George & Jurlean wants us to keep Trina and her family in our daily prayers at this very sad time.

Terresia Weaver had a chemo treatment last Monday. Keep her in your prayers that her numbers keep improving.

Betty Branson, a longtime member of Eisenhower, is making plans to move to live closer to her daughter, Debra.

Prayer List

Mary Anchondo; Maria Baeza; Anee Blumenauer; Betty Branson; Mary Brown; Naomi and Adelynn Bustillos; Glenna Callendar; Arthur Campos; Sylvia Campos; LaDonna Chism; James Drake; Jon Easley; Cathy Eastwood; Daniel Eastwood; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Lon & Lana Howard; Charles Lewis; Leigh Ann McFarland; Keith Mitchell; Juan & Estella Morolez; Julie Munoz; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Linda Straw; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Carolyn Wilkerson; John Wood; Wilene Wright;

Eisenhower’s Homebound...

Glenna Callendar; James & Joyce Drake; Ronda Lyne; Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley & Marilyn Upshaw.

Events

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

Office News...

There will be a “**Deacon’s Meeting**” today following our evening service.

Today is our “**Potluck Luncheon**” following our A.M. service. Our visitors are invited to join us.

“September Attended Nursery”

9/24/23 Gloria & Hannah

“October Attended Nursery”

10/1 Robbie & Carolyn 10/8 Patsy & Holly 10/15 Courtney & Julie 10/22 Terresia & Virgie
10/29 Devida & Linda

Congratulations! To Dylan and Shannon Straw upon the birth of their baby boy, **Jude Kyler**. Jude was born at 11:39 a.m. on Monday, September 18th. He weighed 8 lbs. 14 oz. Also, we want to congratulate the proud grandparents, Scot & Johna Straw.

Give “Self” Last

In one of the hymns we sing, “none of self and all of Thee”, the writer goes on a journey from complete indifference to total commitment. Each verse brings the singer closer to the Lord. The last verse states, “higher than the highest heaven, deeper than the deepest sea, Lord, Thy love has at last conquered... “None of self and all of Thee.”

When the love of the Lord really takes control of our lives then “self” takes last place and we with the Apostle Paul can say, “I am crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who lives, but Christ who lives in me and the life I live, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20)

—Bulletin Digest

Do Not Merely Listen to the Word— Apply it!

Every morning I made the inspection. I wondered if what had been sprayed on the weed in my yard was going to work. At first, the objects of my dissatisfaction, those persistent weeds seemed undisturbed. But after a few more days, obvious changes were beginning to take place. By the seventh day it was apparent the solution had done its job for there was no sign of life in the once flourishing weed. The solution had attacked the roots of the weeds for an effective kill. Think about sin in our lives. Sin will not only affect externals, it makes its way into our hearts and strikes at the root of faith, of spirituality, of life. If we continue to ignore sin the result will be a withering conscience, a shriveling of morals, and in time a complete collapse of the soul (James 1:15). Sin ultimately destroys the soul unless it is repented of and cleansed by the blood of Christ. James said, “Do not merely listen to the Word and so deceive yourselves; Do what it says.” (James 1:21). We can be set free of any sin that seeks to bind us, but we must not take sin lightly (Luke 13:3, John 8:31-32). There are certain sins that may take longer to get to the root of our lives, but any sin we ignore promises to destroy our souls.

—Clark Tatum

Sept 24th, 2023

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture Reading
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Allen Weakland
Oliver Hernandez
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Craig Wesson
Gary Loving
Trini Wood

P.M.

Allen Weakland
Jacob Carson
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Caleb York
Richard Siler
Don Easlon

Lords Supper

Jeff Wesson
Travis Ruckman
Jon Roemisch
Jackie Perkins

Cody Wesson
Communion
(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Allen Weakland -254-8209 *Deacon:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332 — *Pulpit:* Bill Ryan 352-4871 — *Table:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Recording Sermons:* Rudy Ochoa 214-0398 — *Contributions:* Cody Wesson

Sunday AM

“Self-Discipline” (Hebrews 12:3-6)

Sunday PM

“Plea to Pilgrims” (1 Peter 2:11-12)

Our Records

Bible Class... 59

Morning Worship...108

Evening Worship ... 56

Wednesday...71

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