

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Sufficiency & Finality

One of the hallmarks of true New Testament Christianity is its insistence that the scriptures are the complete revelation of God's will, and that they alone are sufficient for us to know how to please God. This principle is often stated as our belief in verbal, plenary inspiration. This means that every word of scripture is inspired by God, and the scriptures are complete as He revealed them to men through the Holy Spirit. For many generations this fundamental belief underscored the practices of every church that called itself Christian.

In the last century, however, some have forsaken this principle. There are now some who deny this principle in favor of what they call "new" or "latter-day" revelations. In some churches supplementing the Bible with additional revelations, whether written or oral, is central to their belief systems. Indeed, in these churches many of their doctrines and practices can only be justified on the basis of these additional revelations. The very existence of such a point of view casts doubt on the veracity of the Bible, although proponents of it seem oblivious to it.

In order to justify new revelations from God one must believe that the Bible is somehow incomplete. If these new revelations are necessary for us to please God, then the scriptures are not truthful and cannot be depended upon for any aspect of our faith. This may seem a harsh conclusion, but there is no alternative because of what the scriptures say about their sufficiency.

Before Jesus went to the cross He promised the apostles that the Holy Spirit would guide them into all the truth (John 16:13). On the first Pentecost after the Lord's resurrection, the Holy Spirit was poured out on the apostles (Acts 2:1-4). The scripture says that they were "filled" with the Holy Spirit. This power enabled them to preach the whole gospel from that day forward, and to record God's will in the books that we call the New Testament (2 Peter 1:20-21).

The testimony of the apostles is that they received and communicated, both orally and in written form, the whole purpose of God (Acts 20:27). In the letters of Paul and Peter the sufficiency of the revelation they received is asserted. Paul said that all scripture is inspired by God and equips Christians for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Peter said that God has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3).

These statements raise serious questions if additional revelation is needed today. If the scriptures equip us for *every* good work, then what good work is there for Christians to do that might come from some other source? If God has granted us *everything* pertaining to life and godliness, what else is there that we need to know? If additional revelation is necessary today, then these statements cannot be true and if they are not true, then nothing in scripture is trustworthy. If, however, God has indeed granted us everything pertaining to life and godliness, as Peter proclaims, and the scriptures are sufficient to equip us to every good work, as Paul testifies, then there is no further revelation forthcoming.

The Bible is complete and inerrant (that is, it contains no errors). All we need to know in order to please God is within its pages. God's revelation is sufficient for all our needs and complete in every respect. Therefore it is God's final word. Jesus told believing Jews to continue in His word and they would know the truth and the truth would make them free (John 8:31-32). We would do well to follow His command still today.

—Fred Dominguez

Placed Membership

We want to extend a warm welcome to **Gary and June Cartwright** who placed their membership with us here at Eisenhower Sunday, September 27th. They wish to work with our congregation under the leadership and guidance of our eldership. Gary and June come from the Lamesa congregation of the Lord's church. Again, we say welcome.

Prayer Requests

Teresa Vires was taken to the ER at Medical Center Hospital Friday morning, September 25th with severe head and ear pain. She has a punctured ear drum and an ear infection. The CT scan did not show any abnormalities. Teresa was given a morphine shot and pain meds. She was able to go home that evening. She is in need of prayers. Lindsey Wells has requested prayers for her grandparent, **Bill and Marie Bundick**. Her grandfather has to go on dialysis and her grandmother's cancer has returned. They both are in need of prayers.

Concerns Update

Lee Roy Bell moved to Coahoma to stay with his daughter, Diane Carver. At this time we do not know if this is a permanent arrangement or not. Please keep Lee Roy in your prayers.

Thelma Smith (Eugene's mother) was able to go home from the Madison Medical Resort. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Prayer List

Lee Roy Bell; Susan Bosse; Mack Bradford; Charles Browning; Neva Carrigan; Steve Chavez; Cruz Coe; Ruby Davis; Dayton Dennard; Jewell Bettes-Dennard; Brian Drake; James & Joyce Drake; John Ford; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Winford Hambright; Linda Horton; Lon & Lana Howard; Bobby Hunt; Bryan Jernigan; Andrué LaFlure; Susan Lee; Tracy Leeth; Connie Lowe; Jill McAfee; Jack McCarty; Flossie Montgomery; Patsy Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Avery Ojado; Jonathan Pegan; Judy Phillips; Trina Plyler; Evan Rector; Elvia Ruckman; Blair Saldana; Andrew Schwarz; Christa Bella Sellers; Carmen Settle; Brenda Simmons; Nancy Slife; James Stevens; Marilyn Upshaw; Jurlean Warren; Bré elle Watts; Lisa Wells; Carolyn Wilkerson.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Mildred Bell; Neva Carrigan; Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall, Janelle Shirley, Wilma Squire and Lester Whisenant;

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

What did the disciples do when Jesus was arrested?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

Elijah had a contest with the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel.

FYI

Denny Wilson is hosting a weekly radio program called “**Christian Take Aim**” at 6:30 pm Tuesdays; www.thegospelradionetwork.org. Feel free to please pick up a business card on the youth table in the foyer.

Watch “*In Search of the Lord’s Way*” every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on CBS, channel 7.

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.

Events

The Westside Church of Christ in Midland will have a “**Fall Gospel Meeting**”—**October 11th–14th** with Allen Webster presenting the lessons. Please mark the date.

Thank You

To my brothers and sisters at Eisenhower,

I would like to thank you all for the prayers, cards and visits during my surgeries. Knowing how much you care is the best medicine of all. I love you all. In Christ, Carolyn Wilkerson

Office News

Our “**Food Pantry**” is low on food. It needs to be kept supplied with food and supplies for the children’s homes and those in need especially at the holiday season.

The **New Mexico Children’s Home** will be in Odessa Tuesday, December 8th for a food drive. They are requesting **Cream of Chicken Soup**. Monetary donations also accepted.

Shake It Off

One day a farmer’s donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried pitifully for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally he decided the animal was old and the well needed to be covered up any way; it just wasn’t worth it to retrieve the donkey.

He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone’s amazement, he quieted down. A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well and was astonished at what he saw. With every shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up. As the farmer’s neighbors continued to shovel the dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and trotted off!

Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping stone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up.

—Bulletin

October 4th, 2015

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer
Lord's Supper

A.M.

Larry May
Rudy Ochoa
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Josh Weakland
Jeff Wesson
Bill Butler

P.M.

Larry May
Jacob Carson
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Isaiah Armendarez
Scot Straw
Don Easlon

West...	Craig Wesson Don Easlon Dylan Straw	Josh Wells Communion (In Library)
East...	Tom Sorenson Jacob Carson Isaiah Armendarez	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Larry May 638-3990 *Deacon*: John Wood 230-0689 *Pulpit*: Chris Butler 362-7486; *Table*: Josh Wells 770-6753; *Song Leaders*: Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; *Recording Duties*: Dex Dennard 296-1582; *Collections*: Dex Dennard 296-1582

Sunday AM”

“*Aaron’s Rod*”
(*Exodus 7:2-13*)

Sunday PM

“*Widow’s Mite*”
(*Mark 12:41-44*)

Our Records

Bible Class...79
Morning Worship...123
Evening Worship...71
Wednesday...72
Contribution...\$6,023.00

