

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## They Must Be Doing Something Right

Considering their popular acceptance and the “amazing numerical growth” of their congregations, the smooth-talking, ear-tickling, men-pleasing wolves in sheep’s clothing, advocating their various perverted “gospels” (with a whole lot of entertainment), are deemed to be examples of successful religion at its very best. Actually, “They are of the world: therefore; speak they of the world, and the world heareth them” (1 John 4:5). Serious-minded Christians frequently ask: “Why can’t people not see the difference between God’s one true religion and those obviously false religion and those obviously false religions?”

The bible answers that question. Fundamentally, it is seen in the Bible’s contrast between God and the world. Referring to the souls of all men, Jesus declares, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). On the other hand, referring to “worldliness,” 1 John 2:15 commands, “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.” Rhetorically expressing the degree to which this animosity extends, James asks, “Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God?” Then, he sounds the warning, “whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God?” (James 4:4)

Even throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus “went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him” (Acts 10:38). Luke 7:22 records that Jesus made the blind to see, the lame to walk, the lepers to be cleansed, the deaf to hear, the dead to be raised, and He preached the Gospel to the poor. In light of John 15:13, it is most evident that Christ loves all men. Concerning everything He ever did, Jesus stressed, “the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him” (John 8:29). Everything Jesus said and did and the way He said and/or did, it was motivated by love and it was right. Yet, the world hated Him!

There was a time in their lives when Christ’s own brothers did not believe Him (John 7:5). At that time, He told them, “The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works therefore, are evil” (John 7:7). This He said because, at least in their denial of Christ and God’s Word, they were in agreement with the evil and worldly Jews. Contrasted to them, speaking to those who believed in Him and the Word God gave Him to speak, Jesus let them know, “If the world hates you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you” (John 15:18). Why would the world hate Christ’s disciples? For the same reason that it hates Him. His faithful disciples were not of the world. Mindful of His apostles, the night before He was crucified, Jesus prayed, “I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world” (John 17:14).

Christ was crucified because He proclaimed God’s Word. All of the apostles, save John, were martyred because they heralded God’s Word. Stephen was stoned to death because he preached God’s Word (Acts 7:54-60). Other Christians, those who believed, preached and practiced God’s Word were persecuted unto death (acts 22:4). There is no way to determine how many thousands of Christians were martyred due to the fact that they remained faithful to God and His Word. What is important to know is that Jesus said:

***“Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake:  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men  
shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of***

*evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.” (Matthew 5:10-12)*

—Tommy Hicks

### ***Baptism***

Our hearts were made to rejoice when we witnessed **Steven Easlon** obey the gospel call last Sunday morning, October 17th. Don Easlon had the honor of taking his son's good confession and then baptizing him into Christ for the remission of his sins. We say, "welcome" to our new brother in Christ.

### ***Prayer Request***

**Daniel Reyes** is still in need of prayers.

**Catherine Eastwood** made a request for prayers for a meeting she was scheduled to attend last Tuesday. Please pray that all went well and to her satisfaction.

**Carie Basaldua** has been dealing with the Covid virus a little over a week. When her re-test results come back negative. she will be able to return to work. Keep Carie in your prayers.

**LaDonna Chism** has requested prayers for the safety of her students and the teachers. Please keep all students and teachers in your prayers that they will stay safe.

### ***Prayer List***

Wayne Anderson; John Michal Armendariz; Betty Branson; LaDonna Chism; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Tara Grimmitt; Doug Guynn; Rosanna Herrera; Chris Landers; Alex Martinez; Ora McAfee; Glenna McCarty; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; Daniel Reyes; Reda Sowell; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Janet Wesson; John Wood.

### ***Youth***

Bible Quiz Question ... (Multiple Choice)

Whose house was Paul visiting in Philippi?

(a) Jason's (b) Publius' (c) Lydia's.

Last Week's Quiz Answer...(Fill in the blank)

Jesus drove seven demons from Mary Magdalene. (Mark 16:9)

### ***Events***

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

**Rob Whitacre (House to House, Heart to Heart)** will be here Friday and Saturday, November 12th and 13th to present another Evangelism Workshop". Please set aside some time to attend.

Next Saturday at 6:00 pm, October 30th is our "**Trunk or Treat**" festival for the whole family in the Church Parking Lot. There will be games, food, candy & fun. Everyone is invited to come and join in on the fun.

### ***Office News***

Next Sunday, October 31st is our "Fifth Sunday" service. We will have a potluck following our morning service then followed by our evening service. Our visitors are welcome to join us.

## Why Should One Prepare?

“We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So, then every one of us shall give account of himself to God” (Romans 14:10-12). Meeting God is just as certain as death (Hebrews 9:27).

## How Should One Prepare?

We are not left to wonder what one must do to be prepared to meet God. God has “given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue” (2 Peter 1:3). Preparing to meet God involves: hearing (Acts 10:33); believing (Acts 16:31, Hebrews 11:6); repenting of sins (Luke 13:3, Acts 2:38); confessing faith in Christ as the Son of God (Matthew 10:32, Acts 8:37); being baptized (Mark 16:15-16); adding Christian graces (2 Peter 1:5-8); and being faithful unto death (Matthew 10:22, Revelation 2:10).

## When Should One Prepare?

The time to prepare is now, in this life. “Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2). Once the rich man died and was in torment, it was too late for him to prepare (Luke 16:19-31). Preparation must be made while one has opportunity (Matthew 25:1-13).

Salvation does not just happen. One must prepare, and one must prepare according to the why, the how, and the when that God has put forth.

—Kevin D. Smith

<b>October 24, 2021</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Oliver Hernandez	Cody Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	Tom Sorenson	Jacob Carson
Second Prayer	Don Easlon	Scot Straw
Closing Prayer	Jr. Munoz	Charles Wood
Lords Supper		Bill Ryan
<u>Scripture Reading:</u>	<u>Jacob Carson</u> Josh Wells Craig Wesson David Ryan	Communion (In Library)

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Jeff Wesson 556-5547 —*Deacon:* Don Easlon 288-5834 —*Pulpit:* John Wood 413-7444—*Table:* Bill Ryan 352-4871—*Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332—*Collections:* Bill Ryan

### **Sunday AM**

*“Be Still and Know that I am God”*

*(Psalm 46)*

### **Sunday PM**

*“Does It Matter?”*

*(Romans 3:23)*