

Eisenhower Church of Christ

What Causes False Doctrine?

The Word of God is truth (John 17:17). It is capable of setting a man free (John 8:32) because it establishes faith (Romans 10:17). The depraved Satan, wars against the influence of God's Word, constantly endeavoring to exterminate it from man's heart (Luke 8:12) so that he may fill the void with the "doctrines of devils" (I Timothy 4:1). As the father of lies (John 8:44), the one "which deceiveth the whole world" (Rev. 12:9), Satan originates false doctrine; but he does not propagate it without the aid of men. Notice four of Satan's schemes to cause false doctrines.

First, we recognize that Satan causes false doctrines by encouraging men to emphasize some Bible doctrines to the exclusion of others. Paul wrestled against this particular strategy. In Romans 6 he argued against emphasizing grace to the exclusion of obedience. "What then, shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace?" "God forbid." (Romans 6:15) This satanic influence remains evident. Many people today emphasize the doctrine of salvation by faith to the exclusion of the doctrine of salvation by baptism. Others emphasize the doctrine of God's love to the exclusion of the doctrine of His justice, concluding that there is no eternal punishment for unrepentant man. Perhaps the Lord's admonition to the wicked Pharisees is our best instruction in this matter; "...these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone" (Matthew 23:23).

Second, we find that Satan also causes false doctrine by encouraging men to think more of themselves than they ought (Romans 12:3). As Paul wrote in 1 Timothy 6:3-4: "If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing; Jesus' statement in John 7:18 agrees; "He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory...." Let us remember that when the statements and principles from men contradict those of God, God is true though every man be found a liar (Romans 3:4). Heed the warning in James 3:14-15: "...if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, and devilish."

A third way Satan causes false doctrine is by influencing men to rationalize the sins they are either doing or wanting to commit. Why were certain Jews unable to understand what Jesus taught? He said to them, "...even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do" (John 8:43-44). It was also plainly foretold that this method of heresy was in store for the church: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (2 Timothy 4:3-4). The only way to avoid this pitfall is to "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded" (James 4:7-8).

Fourth, we must realize that Satan spreads false doctrines by scheming teachers. Some false teachers sincerely believe what they teach, but others do not. Many are hucksters. We are no longer to be "children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, in craftiness, after the wiles of error" (Eph. 4:14, ASV). Rather, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world" (I John 4:1).

Do not let Satan use you to spread false doctrines. Be spiritually balanced so that you do not emphasize one Bible doctrine to the exclusion of another; be humble so that you do not think more highly of your ideas than you do of God's truth, admit your sins and repent of them rather than make an effort rationalize them, and weigh what you hear rather than naively fall victim to scheming teachers. "Take heed to thyself and to thy teaching..." (I Timothy 4:16, ASV).

—J. G Barr

Prayer Request

Jimmy Weaver was in the hospital in Dallas two weeks ago undergoing tests and procedures. He was looking for a good diagnosis from the tests done. Jimmy was able to come last Saturday, October 21st. Please continue to pray for Jimmy that he will get a solution to his blood infection problem.

Joyce Drake has been battling acute bronchitis for a long time that will not go away. Keep her in your prayers that she may find relief soon.

Concerns Update

Please keep **Bill Butler** in your daily prayers that he will be able to overcome his battle with liver cancer.

Josh Wells received test results from the CAT scan of his stomach done two weeks ago. The pain that he was experiencing was due to a hernia in the stomach area. Keep Josh in your prayers that he receives the proper care for this problem.

Russ Montgomery (Devida's brother) is home from the hospital. He was given medication to help strengthen his heart muscle. Russ is on oxygen 24/7. He is still in need of prayers.

Glenna McCarty's surgery for diverticulitis will be Tuesday, November 7th at Midland Memorial. Dr. Viney will do her surgery. Keep Glenna on your prayer list.

Clay Stanton (Christy Weakland's brother) who received 2nd degree burns to his face and arms, has been released from the burn unit and is home now recuperating. Continue to pray that Clay has a short recovery time.

Prayer List

Tom Bauer; Lee Roy Bell, Elsie Bradford; Bill & Mary Brown; Jane Burroughs; Bill Butler; Harold Carrigan; David Castor; Sue Dahlen; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Glenda Driver; John Ford; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Winford Hambright; Charlene Harris; Glenda Hillis; Janis Laminack; Betty Leeth; Kristen Limb; Eliseo Lopez; Larry May; Glenna McCarty; Russ Montgomery; Tanya Nichols; Curtis Parum; Trina Plyler; Russel Rosser; Elvia Ruckman; Matthew Simmons; Clay Stanton; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Jurlean Warren; Jimmy Weaver; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; Glenda Winkley; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and the spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

Which king allowed the Israelites to return from exile to their own land?

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

Leviticus 17:14 says the life is in the blood.

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.

Office News

The "**New Mexico Children's Home**" will be in Odessa Tuesday, December 5th, 2017. They are requesting **Crackers and Pineapples**. Monetary donations also accepted. Also they will be picking up the holiday gifts for the children at that time.

The church phone that takes messages is not working, so the office has no way to retrieve messages left by callers at this time.

A Challenge...For One Month

- (1) Resolve not to miss a single service of the church. No excuses this time but, for a change, make a few sacrifices for the Lord.
- (2) Try praying every time you have a problem or decision to make. If you feel the slightest need, pray! And while you're at it, try praying for your enemies.
- (3) Make it your responsibility to bring at least one visitor to services, preferably a whole family. Don't just invite them, make a date with them.
- (4) Read and study your Bible every day, even if you have to turn off the T.V.
- (5) Follow these simple rules, and you might be surprised at the results.

—Bulletin Digest

October 29, 2017

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Larry May
Rudy Ochoa
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Jeff Wesson
Scot Straw
Jr. Munoz

P.M.

Larry May
John Wood
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Doug Guynn
George Warren
Richard Siler

Lord's Supper

West...

Jacob Carson

Josh Wells

Jr. Munoz

East...

Don Easlon

Dex Dennard

Richard Siler

Tony Marrs

Communion

(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Larry May 638-3990; *Deacon*: Bill Ryan 272-5507; *Pulpit*: George Warren 557-2171; *Table*: Tony Marrs 553-7349; *Song Leaders*: Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; *Recording Duties*: Chris Butler 362-7486; *Collections*: Chris Butler 362-7486

Sunday AM

"Portraits of God"

(Acts 14:15-17)

Sunday PM

"Why I Am A Member" (Pt 4)

(Matthew 16:18)

Our Records

Bible Class... 70

Morning Worship...125

Evening Worship...64

Wednesday...76

Contribution...\$7,132.75