

Eisenhower Church of Christ

The Bible Only Makes Christians Only and the Only Christians (Part 1)

That there is one and only one God can be proved. That the Bible is the Word of God can be proved. That the Bible teaches that there is one and only one God, one Lord, one Spirit, one faith, one baptism, one body, and one hope is made clear beyond doubt (Ephesians 4:4-6). In spite of those facts, some people adamantly affirm that there are many churches and that any one of these churches is as good as any other church. In fact, many claim that one can be a Christian without being in any church at all. Sadly, even some in the Lord's church do this.

In contradiction to the immediately preceding, the Bible plainly teaches that there is one—and only one—church which is approved by God and that salvation is in that one church; that is, no one can be saved by the blood of Christ without being in that one church! No one has a God-given right to declare to others, “There are many churches and any one of them is as good as any other.” Jesus died and bought the one church (His church) with His own blood (Acts 20:28). I affirm that the Bible only makes Christians only and the only Christians! I know that this affirmation is true (John 8:32).

Some people, including some who are members of the Lord's church, claim that while members of the church of Christ are Christians only, members of the church of Christ are not the only Christians. When people affirm such a doctrine, they are clearly implying that there are Christians living in the world today who are not members of the church which Jesus bought with His own blood (Acts 20:28; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 9:12-14; 1 Peter 1:19; Revelation 5:9). The Bible teaches otherwise. The Bible teaches that there is not one person who has been saved in any way other than the church (Acts 20:28).

The claim is made here that—by knowing what the Bible teaches about the matter—one can know that the Bible Only makes Christians Only and the Only Christians. How can this be the case? Because people can know, not merely guess: (1) that God does exist, (2) that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, (3) that the Bible can be understood (it can be correctly interpreted, John 8:32), (4) that men must obey what the Bible teaches them to obey, (5) that the Bible only makes Christians only, and (6) the Bible only makes Christians (this means that no one is a Christian who has not both learned and obeyed what the Bible teaches people must do in order to be saved by the blood of Christ (Hebrews 5:8-9; Philippians 2:8). It must be repeated: there is not even one person who is a Christian who is not a member of the church which Jesus bought with His blood (Acts 20:28; cf., Galatians 1:4; 2:20).

May it be carefully noted that salvation is in Christ (2 Timothy 2:10). This passage makes absolutely clear that one must be in Christ to be saved; to be a Christian. To be in Christ is to be in the spiritual body of Christ which is the one and only body which He

has purchased with His own blood (cf., Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:22-23; Acts 20:28; Hebrews 9:22; Romans 5:8-9). God gains no children (saved people, Christians) except by means of His seed (the same basic way any man gains children). His seed is the Word of God (Luke 8:11). No one becomes a child of God (one saved from his sins by the blood of Christ) by believing and obeying any other message (“seed”- 1 Peter 1:23).

—Thomas B. Warren

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Sandy and her family in the loss of her husband, **John Cole**. John passed away on Thursday, October 21st. He and Sandy were former members of Eisenhower. John suffered from Alzheimer’s. Keep Sandy and her family in your prayers.

Prayer Request

Julie Munoz is having medication problems and is in need of prayers at this time.

David Ryan’s nephew, Jerry, has tested positive for the Covid virus. David will be isolated 10-14 days due to being exposed.

Concerns Update

The doctor told **Ora McAfee** that her shoulder will heal on its own; no surgery needed.

Teresa Weaver was scheduled for a scan on Wednesday, October 27th to see how effective the chemo treatments have been.

Prayer List

Wayne Anderson; John Michael Armendariz; Betty Branson; LaDonna Chism; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Tara Grimmett; 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 ...

Who said, “I have sinned for I have betrayed innocent blood”?

Last Week’s Quiz Answer...

Paul was visiting Lydia’s house when he was in Philippi. (Acts 16:14-15)

Events

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

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the cards and prayers in the loss of my sister. You have always been such a comfort any time there was an illness or loss in the family. We lost my mother in May and now my sister. Please continue to pray for all my family. In Christian Love, Sheila Stanton

Office News

This is our “Fifth Sunday’ service. We will have a potluck following our morning service followed by our evening service. Visitors are welcome.

We will have another contribution for the New Mexico Christian Children’s Home on Nov. 14.

Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All

How many times have we heard, or participated in the singing of this song? W. Oliver Cooper is responsible for the words of this great song and what a great encouragement it has been, and continues to be, for every Christian. However, it is only an encouragement to those who know Heaven is worth it all. Are we singing the truth in this song? Do we truly believe Heaven is worth it all?

We are hindered often on our way to Heaven. The burdens in life are so heavy that many crumble under the immense strain. Paul informed the young preacher, Timothy, “all that would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution” (2 Timothy 3:12). Jesus informed His disciples that they would be hated by all men, just for being a Christian (Matthew 10:22). One must understand that the Bible produces one of two effects. One heart will be melted by the Word, calloused, like nerve endings that have been seared (Matthew 12:13-15; 1 Timothy 4:2). A heart that will hear and obey God’s word is promised a home in Heaven (Matthew 7:21).

“*Man, that is born of woman is of few days, and full of trouble*” (Job 14:1). We all have our struggles and hardships in life. The Bible calls these hardships, burdens (Galatians 6). There are physical and spiritual burdens that we all face. The only way for us to find the strength to endure is realize Heaven will be worth it all. Jesus offers great confidence in His words, “*Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life*” (Revelation 2:10).

We serve the God that cannot lie (Titus 1:2) and He has said, “*Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father’s House are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am, there ye may be also*” (John 14:1-3).

Is your mansion reserved today? Have you lost sight of the value God has placed on your soul (Matthew 16:26)? Please let us help in any way, because **Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All.**

—Barry Kennedy
Crossville church of Christ
Crossville, TN

October 31, 2021	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Craig Wesson	Oliver Hernandez
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	David Ryan	Jackie Perkins
Second Prayer	Charles Wood	Don Easlon
Closing Prayer	Oliver Hernandez	Gary Loving
Lords Supper		Bill Ryan
<u>Scripture Reading:</u>	<u>Larry May</u>	Communion
	Cody Wesson	(In Library)
	Josh Wells	
	Tom Sorenson	

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
“*A Significant Life*”
(Judges 3:31)

Sunday PM

“Search Me & Know Me”

(Psalm 139:1)

Our Records

Bible Class... 58

Morning Worship...90

Evening Worship...50

Wednesday...52

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