

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Jesus, a Man Worth Following

Since the fall in the Garden of Eden, suffering has always been a part of man's life. Sin entered into the world through Adam bringing forth sin, pain and death (Romans 5:12). However, God initiated His plan to save man from this dreadful fall by His Son and Servant, Jesus Christ (Genesis 31:5; Isaiah 53:1-12). The Apostle Paul demonstrates by the Holy Spirit the free gift of God—salvation through the second Adam—Jesus. Due to the fact that Adam brought forth condemnation, it was only right that justification came from the Lord's righteous life (Romans 5:16-18). Hence the reason when one becomes a child of God, he obtains the promise of Life (Acts 2:38-41; Galatians 31:9-24). Praise God!

So, is this sufficient to follow Jesus? The author's opinion is confirmed as affirmative; however, many reasons can be extracted from the scriptures on why we should shadow Christ. ***Now what is about to be prompted is not popular but biblical.*** Let us realize our calling in Christ and rest assured that God will take care of the elect if we would just trust in Him with all our heart (Proverbs 3:3-5).

The church must shadow the Lord in suffering for His cause, remember, not popular but biblical. Peter stated that Jesus also suffered leaving us an *EXAMPLE* that we should follow His steps (I Peter 2:21). The setting of this passage is steeped in suffering for righteousness and not unrighteousness. For if man suffers for sin, he is to take his beating because of the fault he committed. Yet Jesus suffered for the sins of humankind and none of His own (I Peter 2:22-24). Paul wanted to experience the fellowship of His suffering (Philippians 3:10). Standing up against sin and immorality will invite suffering into our lives. Because the hearts of many have grown cold and more individuals are self-centered, the way of God will wane from man's heart resulting in wayward living. Yet the scriptures teach, they that live godly *IN CHRIST JESUS* shall suffer persecution (2 Timothy 3:12). The Christian must set apart God in his heart and be ready to give an answer of the hope that is in him with meekness and fear (I Peter 3:15).

Why should we embrace the sufferings of Christ as Paul and the faithful apostles did? Because it is commendable to God, meaning that God is pleased; He gives favor and finds pleasure in the one who endures (I Peter 2:19). Furthermore, the Lord labels the suffering one as blessed and who wouldn't want to be called "blessed" by God. When we are suffering for righteousness and the character building trials come upon us, what should be our response? We must remind ourselves that we are not greater than our Master (John 13:16)! We should let patience have its perfect work (James 1:4). We have to rejoice in knowing that we will be glad at His glory when He appears the second time to redeem us (I Peter 4:12-14).

In conclusion, the people of God must see the benefits in following the Lord in all areas of life. Hopefully we'll look at our lives and see the need to hang in there with our spouses. Truly since the Lord has been patient with us, we should be patient with one another. Hopefully this will encourage us to teach our neighbors the gospel without fear of persecution and shame, for we have a purpose for being here and that is to show forth the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Hopefully this will reprove us to be diligent in our moral

conviction, in our social pursuits and ecclesiastical commitments thus provoking one another unto love and good works. Jesus is definitely worth following, for His journey led Him back to the Father and it will lead us to the same place. Let God be true.

—Mike Bonner

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Lester Whisenant. Lester passed away at 6:00 am on Thursday, October 24th. A memorial service was held at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, October 30th at American Heritage Funeral Home in Midland. Bill and John Ivins conducted the service. Lester was 79 years old.

Also, we extend our condolences to the family of **Lyndon Smith** (member at Gardendale church of Christ). Lyndon died on Wednesday, October 23rd from a heart attack. His funeral service was held Saturday, October 26th in Gardendale.

Prayer Request

Devida Montgomery developed a severe allergic reaction to a new makeup foundation last Thursday. She went to the ER at ORMC Sunday evening and was treated and was put on steroids, prednisone, Benadryl and cortisone and Pepsid. She is requesting prayers.

Loyce Driver is dealing with a sciatic nerve problem, which is very painful. Please keep her in your prayers that she will be well soon.

Also, Devida is requesting prayers for her aunt **Vertie Howard**, who lost her daughter, Debby Howard, and is not accepting it very well. Vertie was admitted into a Chillicothe, OH hospital for a blood pressure problem; also more tests ran. Keep her in your prayers.

Prayer List

Brian Basaldua; Don Blackwell; Betty Brooks; Bill Brown; Sharon Brown; Bill Butler; Cindy Campbell; Sylvia Campos; Steve Chavez; Emma Craig; Ronald Dement; Bessie Diaz; Jazmine Duron; Paulie Ann Eason; Dana Erwin; Thomas Garcia; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Winford Hambright; Irene Hernandez; Leo Holloway; Letha Hooper; Sandy Lawless; Betty Leeth; Miguel Lozano; Jed Martin; Ora McAfee; Jason Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Juanita Orosco; Caydon Parker; Trina Plyler; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Bill Ryan; Debra Shipley; Janelle Shirley; Charles & Susan Simmons; Mark Thompson; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Jay Wesson; Tom Wilcox; Carolyn Wilkerson; Sondie Williamson; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Dusty & Kathy Marshall; and Janelle Shirley

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...

What woman in the bible saved her silly husband from David's wrath and after he died, she married David? (I Samuel 25)

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

Lot was both father and grandfather of Moab and Ben-Ammi.

Events

Watch "*In Search of the Lord's Way*" every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

The elders at the **Brown Trail church of Christ** decided to take their program “**Speaking the Truth in Love**” off the air. It was televised on ABC at 8:00 am Sunday mornings.

Office News

NOVEMBER ATTENDED NURSERY

11/03/19 Sylvia & Janis
11/10/19 Lou Ann & Patsy
11/17/19 Hannah & Gabriella
11/24/19 Kamilla & Julie D.

The “**NMCCH Home**” will be here December 3rd for a food pickup. No food selections yet! They will also be picking up the gifts for the children.

Food for Thought...

Adam used 15 words to tell of Eve’s sin and only 3 for his own.

Why is it so important that I study God’s Word?

Some of you might have quickly responded, “Because you’re the preacher!

I’ll grant you that because some believe “That’s my job.” No doubt it is somewhat of a job requirement so I’ll know what to preach or to teach, but the question is really directed to all of us—not just the preacher.

We claim, “*Speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where the Bible is silent.*” I’ll give you that one as well, but what does it say?

The Bereans were more noble than those in Thessalonica because they studied God’s word daily (Acts 17:11). Paul wrote to Timothy and to us, “Study to show thyself approved unto God—rightly dividing the word of truth.” True, Timothy was a preacher, but was all of the Bereans?

Matthew 28:19 and Mark 16:15 simply begin, “Go—teach and preach—make disciples.” Were all the listener’s preachers?

We as Christian are to do our part as Christians to help teach others to become Christians. How can we do it if we don’t study and follow God’s word?

—Bill David Walker

November 3, 2019	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw	Cody Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Tommy Garcia	David Ryan
Second Prayer	Doug Guynn	Tom Sorenson
Closing Prayer	Oliver Hernandez	Scot Straw
Lord’s Supper		
(Scripture Reading)	<u>Jacob Carson</u>	
West...	Gary Loving	Don Easlon
	Miguel Lozano	Communion
	Jr. Munoz	(In Library)
East	Jackie Perkins	
	Bill Ryan	
	Richard Siler	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Larry May 638-3990—*Deacon*:: Don Easlon 288-5834 —*Pulpit*; Rudy Ochoa 214-0398—*Table*: Don Easlon 288-5834 — *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons*; Craig Wesson 934-4646 *Collections*: Craig Wesson 934-4646

Sunday AM

“A King Sent in Love”
(2 Chronicles 2:11)

Sunday PM

“Crown of Thorns”
(Matthew 27:27-31)

Our Records

Bible Class... 58
Morning Worship...102
Evening Worship...70
Wednesday...78
Contribution...\$4,546.00