

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Does the Church Save? (Part 2)

The Church—The One Body

There is “one body” - there is “but one body” (Ephesians 4:4; I Corinthians 12:20). What is the “one body”? ***“He is the head of the body, the church”*** (Colossians 1:18). Christ is the head of what? “He is the head of the body, the church.” If one is not of the number constituting the church; if he is not one of the number composing the body of which Christ is head, is he saved?

When one is prepared in heart and life; when he believes in the Lord with all his heart, repents of his sins, and is baptized as the Lord commands, he is baptized into the ***“one body”*** (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; I Corinthians 12:13). In one verse it is declared that one is baptized into the “one body.” One is baptized ***“into Christ”*** (Galatians 3:27). To be baptized “into Christ” is to be baptized into the “body,” which is the church. If one is saved without being in the “body,” he is saved without being in Christ, for to be “in Christ” is to be in the “one body.”

In Christ, “we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins” (Ephesians 1:7). Salvation is in Christ; ***“...that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus”*** (2 Timothy 2:10). Obtain what? ... Salvation. Salvation is where?...In Christ. To be in Christ is to be in the ***“one body” which is the church*** (Colossians 1:24). If one is not in “the body” he is not in Christ, and if not in Christ, he is not saved. To be in “the body” is to be in the church. “He is the head of the body, the church.” The church does not save you, but the church is the saved ones.

The Church Is Blood-Purchased

Christ is “the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world” (I John 2:2). Christ died for the whole world, but not all will be saved because some refuse to appropriate the blessings provided. Those who embrace the blessings are “loosed” from their sins by His blood (Revelations 1:5). Who are that number? ***“Feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood”*** (Acts 20:28). The church is composed of those “loosed” from sin by “his own blood.” They are the purchased ones. It is not the church that saves you. The church is the saved number.

“But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God” (I Timothy 3:15). The house of God ***“is”*** the church of the living God. The house of God ***“is not”*** the meeting house in which His children meet for worship. God’s house is composed of men and women who are His children. ***“Crispus...believed on the Lord with all his house”*** (Acts 18:8). His house was his family, not his residence.

Of the saved Paul said, ***“Ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God”*** (Ephesians 2:19). Since the church is the “house of God” - the household of God” and one’s household is composed of his family, it follows that if one is a child of God, he is in the household of God. To affirm that you are a child of God, but not in the church, is to declare that God has children not in His household, or family! The church does not save you, but the church is the saved number.

—C. R. Nichol

Sympathy

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Linda Tate in the loss of her brother, **Terry Erwin**. Terry passed from this life Sunday, October 30th in Odessa. Services were held at 1:00 pm Wednesday, November 2nd at Sunset Memorial Gardens. His burial was also at Sunset.

Prayer Request

Glenna McCarty was taken to the ER at MCH Friday, October 28th. She has a blood clot in her lung and also fluid buildup. The fluid was to be drained and checked to see if it is due to an infection or perhaps arthritis related. Glenna was scheduled to have additional surgery in the near future, but only after she is completely well. She is in room #456.

June Smith is requesting prayers for her sister, **Jane Gibbons**. She has severe swelling extreme pain in her hands. Jane is unable to use one hand and the other hand is experiencing the same sensations. Pray that the doctor will find a way to relieve the pain. Jane lives in Michigan.

Tracie Halbert had a procedure done Tuesday, November 1st. Everything went well.

Melida Frazier (Devida’s sister) is scheduled to have a procedure done this week in Columbus, OH. Please pray that everything will go well.

Lester Savoy (a friend of Carolyn Wilkerson) has been put under Hospice Care at his home. Carolyn is requesting prayers for him.

Janis Laminack was in MCH for 14 days from an apparent light stroke. Keep her in your prayers.

Concerns Update

Please keep **Ruby Davis** in your daily prayers as she is having a lot of pain in her neck and is not getting much sleep.

Prayer List

David Alaniz; Lee Roy Bell, Betty Branson; Mary Brown; Bill Bundick; Mitchell Bundick; Sissy Bundick; Barbara Crowder; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; John Ford; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Lon Howard; Charles Jones; Connie Lowe; Elder &

Glenna McCarty; Juan & Estella Morolez; Rudy Ochoa; Trina Plyler; Andrew Schwarz; Janelle Shirley; Charles Simmons; John Tessendorf; Marilyn Upshaw; James Weaver; Judy Wells; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; John Wood; Toya Zambelli.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

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

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

How did King Saul die?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

The "Beatitudes" were given at the Sermon on the Mount by Jesus.

Events

We will have a **"Prayer Service"** for our p.m. service today. We would like to encourage all our members to be here as we go to the Lord in prayer concerning our country.

There will be a **"Family Devotional"** today following our p.m. service. Girls bring chips and boys bring drinks.

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 back in Odessa December 7th, 2016. They are requesting **Tea Bags** and **Koolaid**. Monetary donations also accepted.

The New Mexico Christian Children's Home will have an **"Open House"** November 19th.

We will have a **"Special Contribution"** today at our a.m. service for Joe Kelly who will be going to the Philippines February, 2017 to help with the work there.

Baby Shower:

There will be a **"Baby Shower"** for Ashley Carson at 10:00—Noon on Saturday, November 12th at Bonnie Sorenson's home. The selections are at: Target, Baby's List and Amazon. Come join the fellowship and fun!

Ladies' Night...

There will be a **"Ladies' Night"** Thursday, November 17th. We will be making 36 "Holiday Gift Baskets" for our elderly, shut-ins and those who go in the hospital. There's a list of items needed for the baskets on the bulletin board. Some items may require two people to fill the need. Please check it out if you would like to help.

November 6, 2016

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture

A.M.

Allen Weakland
Denny Wilson
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Richard Siler

P.M.

Allen Weakland
Jacob Carson
Prayer Service
Allen Weakland
Isaiah Armendarez

Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

Charles Wood
Craig Wesson

Bill Butler
Bill Ryan

Lord's Supper
West...

Tom Sorenson
Jacob Carson
Josh Weakland

Scot Straw
Communion
(In Library)

East...

Richard Siler
Josh Weakland
Dylan Straw

Other Responsibilities: *Elder of the Month:* Allen Weakland 362-1403 *Deacon;* Josh Wells 770-6753
Pulpit; Chris Butler 362-7486 *Table;* Scot Straw 301-0549 *Song Leaders:* Denny Wilson 325-340-2291
Recording Duties; Josh Wells 770-6753 *Collections;* Josh Wells 770-6753

Sunday AM

"A Thriving Congregation"
(Acts 11:19-30)

Sunday PM

"Prayer Service"

Our Records

Bible Class... 68
*Morning Worship...*140
*Evening Worship...*NC
*Wednesday...*88
Contribution...\$4,711.84