

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## The Bible Only Makes Christians Only and the Only Christians (Part 2)

When the seed, which is the Word of God, falls into the heart of a dishonest person (one who is not willing both to accept and to obey that Word), the result is rejection of God—the dishonest person rejects God’s Word, and God rejects the persons who reject His great message of salvation (the Gospel—Romans 1:15-16; John 8:32; Galatians 1:6-9).

However, when God’s seed falls into the heart of an honest person, that seed is both accepted and nurtured. It grows into a full-blown plant (a child of God, one saved by the blood of Christ—Luke 8:4-15; Acts 2:1-42; 8:26-40; et al). When one obeys the truth (the Gospel, the power of God unto salvation—Romans 1:15-17), being baptized into the one body (1 Corinthians 12:13), all of his sins are washed away by the blood of Christ. Then, insofar as he walks in the light, the blood of Christ keeps on cleansing him from the “isolated sins” which he may commit. (1 John 1:7-9). This will not be the case for children of God who forsake the pathway of faithfulness.

It bears repeating: there are no Christians who are not members of the one-and-only church which Jesus Christ purchased with His own blood (Ephesians 2:13-18). Thus, it is clear that the Bible only makes Christians only and the only Christians.

How sad to hear men who formerly were great proclaimers and defenders of the truth (the Gospel of Christ) now cry out, “We are Christians only but not the only Christians!” If this assertion were true, then it would follow that there is at least one other way (i.e., in addition to obeying what the Bible teaches) by which the sinner (the non-Christian) can be saved without obeying what the Bible teaches about the matter! I deny that contention with all of my being and I urge everyone (in order to see that it is false) to study carefully in the Bible the following passages: 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Romans 1:15-17; Matthew 7:13-27; Hebrews 5:8-9 and many others.

In the light of: (1) the eternity which faces each of us (Matthew 25:46; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 20:10-15; et al., (2) the glory of heaven (eternal life) and (3) the horror of hell (eternal punishment) that all of us learn and submit to the true teaching of the bible. May we all love and obey God. May we all be deeply and abidingly faithful to God because of His love in giving His Son for us and to Jesus Christ for giving His own life on the Cross of Calvary for us (by the grace of God, Jesus “tasted of death for every man” — Hebrews 2:9).

The contemporary cry that the view that “unity-in-diversity” is in harmony with what the Bible teaches even when such pertains to obligatory matters should be rejected by all.

—Thomas B. Warren

### *Sympathy*

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Velma Tolbert**. Velma passed away Sunday night, October 31st. She is the wife of Bill Tolbert. No information on her services at this printing.

### ***Prayer Request***

**Terresia Weaver** was being scheduled for a biopsy on a lymph node that is appears larger than before. Also, a Pet Scan will be done. Her November 3rd chemo treatment was cancelled due to additional testing. Continue to keep Terresia in your daily prayers while she goes through her chemo treatments.

**LaDonna Chism** was admitted into Medical Center Hospital Monday, November 1st because her leg is not healing like it should. Please keep LaDonna in your prayers that she sees a great improvement in her leg soon.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Michael Brown** had stents put in his carotid artery on October 28th. The surgery went well. Mike is Devida's brother-in-law who lives in Hillsboro, OH.

### ***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; Julie Munoz; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; Daniel Reyes; Reda Sowell; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Jerry Windsor; Janet Wesson; John Wood.

### ***Youth***

Bible Quiz Question ...

How many braids did Samson have in his hair?

Last Week's Quiz Answer...

Judas Iscariot is the one who said, "I have sinned for I have betrayed innocent blood"

### ***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 November 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday at 9:00 a.m., to present another Evangelism Workshop". Please set aside some time to attend.

### ***Office News***

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

## You Lied, Didn't You?

Ananias and his wife, Sapphira, two Christians in the first century, got caught telling a lie (Acts 5:1-11). They lied to men and to God. You can often hide your lies from men but never from God—"be sure your sin will find you out" (Deuteronomy 32:23).

The apostle Peter confronted the couple separately, three hours apart, and in effect said, "You lied, didn't you?" They couldn't deny lying. They had blatantly fabricated a bold-faced lie. They died on the spot.

What was the last lie you told? When was that falsehood uttered—today, yesterday, a week ago? If swift and fatal punishment would have followed the most recent lie you told, as it did the day Ananias and Sapphira lied, what day would you have dropped dead?

Peter asked Ananias, "Why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit... Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? That is, "Why did you allow Satan to influence your heart to manufacture this lie?"

We know that Satan “is a liar and the father of lies.” He is behind every untruth told. He “has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him” (John 8:44). But we also know that when we tell a lie, the guilt is on us; we are responsible; we are held accountable; we have sinned. Don’t blame the devil; he instigates it but we implement it, he does the tempting but we do the telling. In lying, we work with Satan.

People lie to make themselves look better, as in the case of Ananias and Sapphira. People lie to hide disobedience, like King Saul (1 Samuel 15:13). People lie for personal gain, like Gehazi (2 Kings 3:20-27). People lie to protect themselves, like Peter (Matthew 26:69-75).

Paul says, “don’t lie” - “put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another” (Ephesians 4:25). Paul wrote, “Do not lie to one another,” that’s the “old self;” we should live like the “new self” (Colossians 3:9-10). Liars will have an eternal home in Hell; not in Heaven (Revelation 21:8).

—James Cudd  
Hinton church of Christ  
Hinton, OK

<b>November 7, 2021</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Oliver Hernandez	Jacob Carson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Kirk McFarland	John Wood
Second Prayer	Bill Ryan	Scot Straw
Closing Prayer	Jackie Perkins	Alex Rubalcado
Lords Supper		Richard Siler
<u>Scripture Reading:</u>	<u>Don Easlon</u>	Communion
	Tom Sorenson	(In Library)
	David Ryan	
	Gary Loving	

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Larry May 638-3990 —*Deacon:* Jr. Munoz 212-2231 —*Pulpit:* Scot Straw 288-4533—*Table:* Richard Siler 556-2151 —*Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons:* Craig Wesson 934-4646 — *Collections:* Richard Siler 556-2151

### **Sunday AM**

“Reasons Not to Sin”  
(Judges 2:1-5)

### **Sunday PM**

“Secrets to An Abundant Life”  
(John 10:10; John 15:1-5)

### **Our Records**

Bible Class... 69  
Morning Worship...108  
Evening Worship...57  
Wednesday...58  
Contribution...\$5,011.05