

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Exposing Error

I received a question asking if it is right to expose and condemn error. I appreciate the sincerity of the querist and sympathize with his dilemma. No faithful follower of Christ delights in condemnation, nor does he search for fault to expose. Yet, soul-damning error exists and even some of our own brethren are propagating it. What shall we do concerning error that we might be right and please God?

### **We Can Know Truth and the Error That Opposes It**

One of the silliest doctrines ever espoused is that we cannot know truth from error or right from wrong; that we may be wrong in thinking we are right but cannot be right in thinking there is wrong. We can know truth and thus, we can recognize error (Jn. 8:32; 2 Jn. 9-11). God, through His Word, exposed error (Ezek. 18:20-32; Pro. 12:2; Mt. 23:13; Gal. 2:11; I Tim. 1:20; 2 Tim. 4:10-14). He expects us to do the same (Eph. 5:11).

### **What Should Be Our Desire?**

If in error, certainly our desire should be for one to warn us of that error. Who, with a right heart, would want to continue in error rather than have it exposed that he might turn from it? Yet, some condemn those who would warn of religious error in the beliefs of their neighbors or their brethren.

### **Must We Be Sinless Perfect to Expose Error?**

Some would have us believe we must be sinless perfect before we can even hint that a doctrine, position or practice of another is wrong. We must live in harmony with God's will, but, even then, we are not sinless perfect. Only Christ was that perfect, yet faithful men of the First Century exposed error. True, we are not to judge unrighteous judgment. (Mt. 7), but we are to judge righteously (Jn. 7:24).

### **How Plain Should We Be in Exposing Error?**

While error may be exposed in a generic way, there are situations which call for a more specific exposure. Some brethren, whom I love dearly, are very careful never to call names, thinking that would be wrong. Over the years, my observation has been that it would have been far better for the Lord's church had the proponents of error been publicly identified by name and marked as the false teachers they are. We have had no reluctance in exposing the errors of denominationalism and of the Baptist, Methodist and Catholic churches. Were we wrong in naming the particular groups and individuals in error? Certainly not! Have we been unloving in so doing? Indeed, no.

### **What If We Expose Error?**

Some will hate us for they would rather continue in their error unopposed. Some, without an understanding of the true love, will condemn us as unloving. Some without knowledge of the scriptures will not know what to think. While we would like to be able to please all men, we desire to please God more and if in so doing men are pleased, fine. If, however, pleasing God means men are displeased, that is the way it shall have to be. If we stand for truth, we must stand against error and if we so do, God shall be pleased. (Gal. 1:10).

## What If We Fail to Expose Error?

If so, we fail to love our fellow man, error wins the day, souls are lost and we are responsible. Note what God said to Ezekiel: ***“Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness and commit iniquity and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die; because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul”*** (Ezek. 3:17-21).

—Bobby Liddell

### ***Prayer Request***

Ora McAfee had surgery on her hand Wednesday, November 4th at Odessa Regional Hospital. Continue to pray for good health for Ora.

Melissa Moore is scheduled to have foot surgery sometime in November. The surgery will be done in Lubbock. We need to keep her in our prayers that everything will go well with the surgery.

Prayers have been requested for Janet Wesson (Jeff’s mom) who was recently diagnosed with COVID 19. Please pray that she beats this virus.

Please keep Bruce and Trina Plyler in your prayers as they both are struggling with health issues at this time. Trina is George and Jurlean Warren’s daughter who lives in Mineral Wells.

### ***Concerns Update***

Diane Salinas is scheduled for a CAT scan at MD Anderson to see if the T-Cell transplant was successful. Please continue to pray for her. Diane is Sylvia Campos’ niece.

### ***Prayer List***

Maria Anaya; Wayne Anderson; Betty Brooks; Bill & Mary Brown; Abessa Chavez; Jon Cooper; Kim Drake; Jazmine Duron; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Irma Gomez; Paul Gunn; Winford Hambricht; Liz Leach; Mildred Lee; Betty Leeth; Glenna McCarty; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez, Jr. & Julie Munoz; Rudy Ochoa; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; Corina Rodriquez; David Ryan; Diane Salinas; Tom Siler; Sheila Stanton; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; James & Janet Wesson; Charles Wood; John Wood.

### ***Eisenhower’s Shut-ins***

Robertta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw.

### ***Youth***

#### **Bible Quiz Question ...**

Was Drusilla, the wife of Felix, a Jew or Gentile?

#### **Last Week’s Bible Quiz Answer ...**

It is “true” that the Jews thought they had killed Paul outside the city of Lystra.

## ***Baby Shower***

There will be a “**Baby Shower**” for Ashley Carson at Bonnie Sorenson’s home at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 14th. Jacob and Ashley are expecting a baby boy. Their selections are at Target. Diapers and Baby Wipes are also requested.

## ***Wedding Shower***

We are hosting a “**Wedding Shower**” for Dylan Straw and Shannon Keith for their upcoming marriage on December 19. The table is set up in the east foyer for their gifts and gift cards. Dylan and Shannon’s selections are at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond and Amazon.

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

## ***Office News***

The “**New Mexico Christian Children’s Home**” will be here Tuesday, December 8th to pick up **Paper Towels** and the **Christmas Gifts**. Money donations are also accepted.

### **Looking For What Can’t Be Seen...Yet**

A common theme with God’s people...and by that I mean people who were living in and going after a right relationship with God—all throughout the Bible was their yearning to see something that they couldn’t see at the time that they wanted to see it. They had a hope that looked forward to something that they wanted, or even possessed, but they just didn’t have it or they weren’t able to see it...yet.

Hebrews 11:8-16 and 24-27 reminds us that Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob and even Moses heard the calling of God and went after what God had promised them, exchanging the visible world for the unseen promises of God. They did this knowing that to the world, the promises of God made no sense, but they held on because they knew they would see the land of God, the heavenly home, and the One who called them through His word.

As Christians, our faith causes us to walk toward something that we cannot see right now, but at the same time we know we’re going to see it eventually. We possess it by hope and we see it by faith (Heb. 6:13-19, 2 Cor. 5:7). It’s as Paul said in 2 Corinthians 4:18-5:1—“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.” The same theme that pushed Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob and Moses forward was the theme that led Paul as an apostle of Jesus Christ and it’s the same theme that’s meant to describe us as Christians—people who are looking for and holding on to what can’t be seen...yet. And why do we do this? It’s because of the One who makes the promise in His Word. We sing a song that reminds us that “There’s a land that is fairer than day and by faith we can see it afar, for the Savior waits over the way, to prepare us a dwelling place there”. One of the sweetest things about this land when we get there is that we’ll be able to see it; there will be no more yet to hide it from our eyes! But until then, can you see it, or have you yet to look for it?

—Eugene Adkins  
Keltonburg church of Christ

### **November 8th, 2020**

#### **A.M.**

Announcements	Larry May
Song Leader	Jaxon Straw
Sermon	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May
Scripture	Bill Ryan
Second Prayer	Scot Straw

#### **P.M.**

Larry May
Craig Wesson
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Jr. Munoz
Jackie Perkins

Closing Prayer	Tom Sorenson	David Ryan
Lords Supper		
<u>Scripture Reading:</u>	Joshua Weakland	Cody Wesson
		Communion
		(In Library)

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Larry May 638-3990 *Deacon:* Bill Ryan 352-4871 — *Pulpit:* David Ryan 512-924-0983 — *Table:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990— *Recording Sermons:* Trinidad Wood 413-8508 — *Collections:* Trinidad Wood

### **Sunday AM**

“Edification Through Obedience”  
(I John 2:36)

### **Sunday PM**

“Christ is Better”  
(Hebrews 1:14)

### **Our Records**

Bible Class... 34  
Morning Worship...67  
Evening Worship...45  
Wednesday...46  
Contribution... \$3,853.00