

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## How Do You Deal with a False Teacher?

God's Word is truth (John 17:17). The truth will make us free (John 8:32), purify our souls (I Peter 1:22), build us up (Acts 20:32), sanctify us (John 17:17), and save our souls (James 1:21). The Word of God is verbally inspired (I Corinthians 2:13; Matthew 10:19-20; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21). The Word of God is final (Jude 3) and eternal (Matthew 24:35). We will be judged by God's Word (Revelation 20:12; John 12:48).

Jesus did not tell His disciples to go and preach some message. He told them to preach the Gospel (Mark 16:15). Paul instructed Timothy to "preach the word" (2 Timothy 4:2).

God's Word can be corrupted (2 Corinthians 2:17) handled deceitfully (2 Corinthians 4:2), perverted (Galatians 1:6-9), changed (Romans 1:25), wrested (2 Peter 3:16), added to (Revelation 22:18), and taken away from (Revelation 22:19).

It is possible to teach something contrary to God's Word. Examples in both Testaments are recorded for our learning (Romans 15:4).

First of all, it is possible to detect a false teacher! A false teacher is someone teaching something contrary to God's Word or failing to declare the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:26-27). We are taught to try the spirits (I John 4:1), search the Scriptures (John 5:39; Acts 17:11) and prove all things (I Thessalonians 5:21). The Scriptures serve as the measuring stick (James 1:25; 2 Peter, 1:3; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).

How do you deal with a false teacher?

1. Do not bid him Godspeed (2 John 9-11).
2. Reject him (Titus 3:10; Galatians 5:20).
3. Mark and avoid him (Romans 16:17-18).
4. Deliver him unto Satan (I Timothy 1:20).
5. Stop his mouth (Titus 1:11).
6. Beware of him (2 Timothy 4:14-15).

When the above mentioned Scriptural things are done (and they are not being done in many places!) many brethren say it is in poor taste, unloving, critical and troublemaking. It is very true we must speak (preach-teach-write) the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). It is also true, false teachers do not have the brotherhood paralyzed and handcuffed so that the true servants of God cannot do or say anything to stop them.

(1) Was Jesus unloving and critical when He said, "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" (Matthew 23:33)

(2) Was John unloving or unkind when he said, "It is not lawful for thee to have her"? (Matthew 14:40)

(3) Was Paul unloving when he said to Elymas, "O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?" (Acts 13:10)

When one studies the preaching of Jesus, John the Baptist, the apostle Paul, Peter and other inspired preachers in the first century, it is apparent many members of the church today have a false concept of what Bible preaching really is. Could it be we are more interested in sociology, psychology and philosophy than we are in plain Bible teaching? Peter said we are to speak as the oracles of God (I Peter 4:11).

When members of the church praise, defend and even encourage false teachers over and above those opposing false teachers, this places them in the same camp with false teachers (Romans 1:32; I Corinthians 13:6). The cry of loveless preaching, critical writers and troublemakers should not discourage those sincerely wanting to follow the Scriptures (Romans 4:3).

Elders can stop false teachers by firing them, stopping their salaries, not giving them an audience and withdrawing fellowship from them.

--William T. Hall

### **Sympathy**

We would like to extend our condolences to Doug Guynn in the loss of his brother, **David Guynn**. David lost his battle with cancer on November 2nd in Lubbock, TX. His memorial service is pending at this time. Please keep the Guynn family in your prayers

### **Concerns Update**

**Glenna McCarty** has been released from the home health care nurse and physical therapy and hopes to be back with us on a regular basis soon, weather permitting. She also “thanks” everyone for all the cards and phone calls she has received.

### **Prayer List**

Elsie Bradford; Bill Bundick; Brad Bundick; Bill Brown; Bill Butler; Raymundo Calzadias; Casey Cleveland; David Castor; Emma Craig; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; James V. Drake; Glenda Driver; Dana Erwin; Densell Fambro; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Winford Hambright; Letha Hooper; Chris & Shirley Landers; Ora McAfee; Glenna McCarty; Juan & Estella Morolez; Caydon Parker; Jackie Rex; Ida Rodriguez; Elvia Ruckman; Janelle Shirley; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; Matthew Simmons; Anita Smith; Albert Stegall; James Stephens; Jack Straw; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Jurlean Warren; Chuck Weaver; Jimmy Weaver; Josh Wells; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Sondie Williamson; Ann Wilson; Glenda Winkley; John Wood; Jack Wright.

### **Eisenhower's Shut-ins**

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

### **Youth**

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

Jesus declared in Matthew 24:25 “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.” Which of the Major Prophets offers this parallel statement - “The earth shall wax old as a garment- but my salvation shall be forever and my righteousness shall not be abolished.”

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

The Land of Nod was East of Eden.

### **Events**

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 here Tuesday, December 4th for a food pick up. They are requesting **Chocolate Chips and Vanilla**. Monetary donations are also accepted. The home will also be collecting the holiday gifts for the children at the same time.

STF—Group #2 will have their luncheon get-together this morning following the service in Room C-5. Our visitors are invited.

## Food for Thought

He who cannot lead and will not follow at least makes a dandy roadblock.

## America the Beautiful

Our liberal media, courts, politicians, celebrities and so forth, are increasingly turning AMERICAL THE BEAUTIFUL into AMERICA THE BAD. What God has described as unlawful abominations, “abortion/homosexuality” (Proverbs 6:16-17; Leviticus 18:22) our insolent nation has redefined as legal and acceptable. All across the fruited plain, from sea to shining sea, decency and morality are steadily eroding away. Through educational policies (Bible/prayer banning), God is fading away. Because of prosperity and Bible ignorance, the acceptance of absolute truth, is vanishing away (John 1:17; 14:6; 17:17; Ephesians 4:21). And consequently, hope as God would have it, is drifting away (I Peter 1:3-4; Hebrews 6:18-20).

America, America, God shed His grace on thee!!! Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Shall we continue to do evil that good may come? God forbid!!! (Romans 3:8; 6:1-2). God crowned thy good with brotherhood, for we are all His offspring (Acts 17:26-28). “Know ye that the Lord He is God; it is He that hath made us and not we ourselves” (Psalm 100:3). Let us return to our Maker. Let us return to his Mandates. “Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people” (Proverbs 14:34; Psalm 119:172; 2 Timothy 3:16; Romans 5:21; I John 3:7).

Let us extol the beauty of heaven’s precepts all across our spacious skies and emulate them in our lives!! “And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hand establish thou it” (Psalm 90:17). “BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD” (Psalm 33:12).

—Richard Stevens, III

| <b>November 11, 2018</b> | <b>A.M.</b>       | <b>P.M.</b>    |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Announcements            | Larry May         | Larry May      |
| Song Leader              | Jaxon Straw       | Craig Wesson   |
| Sermon                   | Allen Weakland    | Allen Weakland |
| Opening Prayer           | Larry May         | Larry May      |
| Scripture                | Rudy Ochoa        | Josh Weakland  |
| Second Prayer            | Gary Loving       | Cody Wesson    |
| Closing Prayer           | Tom Sorenson      | Charles Wood   |
| Lord's Supper            |                   |                |
| (Scripture Reading)      | <u>Josh Wells</u> |                |
| West...                  | Craig Wesson      | Jacob Carson   |
|                          | Trinidad Wood     | Communion      |
|                          | Tom Sorenson      | (In Library)   |
| East...                  | Bill Ryan         |                |
|                          | Richard Siler     |                |
|                          | Scot Straw        |                |

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder* : Larry May 638-3990 *Deacon:* Rudy Ochoa 214-0398 *Pulpit:* Bill Brown 703-6225 *Table:* Jacob Carson 940-3775 *Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990 *Recording Duties:* Tommy Garcia 638-2702 *Collections:* Tommy Garcia 638-2702

### **Sunday AM**

*"David's Trail of Tears"*  
*(II Samuel 15:13-23)*

### **Sunday PM**

*"Ways to Enhance Our Children"*  
*(Proverbs 22:6)*

### **Our Records**

*Bible Class... 84*  
*Morning Worship...117*  
*Evening Worship...75*  
*Wednesday...50*  
*Contribution...\$5,358.13*