

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## “Sin: What it is and What it Does”

The Bible is not a book of definitions nor a dictionary of terms, yet we can learn what God has revealed about sin. Although no formal definition is given, we can know God’s attitude toward it and learn the mind of God. His statement of judgment is, of course, correct and any deviation from it on the part of man is wrong. (Proverbs 23:7)

**“...whatsoever is not of faith is sin” (Romans 14:23)**

Faith is contrasted with doubt. For one to serve God in that which he doubts is to be guilty of sin, because it is both reckless and presumptuous. Reckless in that it is rash and careless; presumptuous in that it has no conviction of what is right and godly.

**“...sin is a transgression of the law” (1 John 3:4)**

In this a person has a contempt for and live in violation of law or manifest a disregard for such law. The identical word (**ἁνομία**, “iniquity”) was used by Jesus in Matthew 7:23, “*depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*” Those to whom He spoke had been very active in religious service, but had made light of His law.

**“...all unrighteousness is sin” (1 John 5:17)**

Thayer comments that unrighteousness is “a deed violating law and justice.” This would include every breach of duty and all that comes short of the requirements of justice. Selfish righteousness is as filthy rags and must be put away in exchange for the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

**“...to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin” (James 4:17)**

Unused knowledge of one’s duty results as a sin of omission. There is nothing that injures the soul more than wasted impressions of good. (Hebrews 2:1-3), Let us be *doers of the word, and not hearers only* (James 1:23-25). We are admonished in Numbers 32: 23 *to be sure that your sin will find you out.* There is no way to escape the consequences of our sin. It cannot be hidden! It is going to find us out!

**“...he that covereth his sins shall not prosper...” (Proverbs 28:13)**

Sin keeps man from prospering, but confessing our sins and forsaking them brings the mercy of God upon us. Jeremiah makes this observation, *your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you* (Jeremiah 5:25).

**“...the child also shall die” (1 Samuel 12:14)**

Sin makes it hard on others. Nathan said, in rebuke to David for his sin, *howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also that is born shall die.* Even New Testament Christians can blaspheme the name of the Lord (Romans 2:24).

**“...iniquities have separated you...” (Isaiah 59:1-2)**

The prophet Isaiah declares, *Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your*

*God, and your sins have hidden his face from you, that he will not hear.*

**“...wages of sin is death...” (Romans 6:23)**

The end result of a continued life of sin is death (Romans 6:23). James also comments on this matter by saying, *every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed, then when lust has conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death* (James 1:14-15). I believe you will agree that sin does not give you nor do for you what is in your best interest, only God can do that!

—Wm. R. Hufstedler

***Placed Membership***

**Randy and Cheri Hodges** placed their membership with the church here at Eisenhower last Sunday morning. We want to extend a warm welcome to the both of them.

***Sympathy***

Our condolence is extended to John Lyne in the loss of his mom, **Ronda Lyne**. Ronda passed away on November 1st at MCH. Her visitation was held from 5-8 pm on Monday, Nov. 6th and funeral services were conducted at 3:00 pm. Nov. 7th at the Sunset Funeral Home. Denny Wilson conducted her service.

***Prayer Requests***

**Vanessa Machuca** (Sylvia Campos' daughter) who had two valves replaced in her heart last Monday in Houston, came through the eight hours of surgery okay. After surgery, Vanessa was taken to ICU where she will stay for a period of time. She is still in need of our prayers for a full recovery.

**David Alaniz** (Marissa's dad) had surgery to remove a kidney stone last Monday. Everything went well and now he just needs to recuperate. Please pray that David continues to get better.

Prayers have been requested for **Brent Harrell** (Christy's cousin's husband) who was involved in a car wreck last Tuesday afternoon in Farmington, NM. Brent's back was broken and he was airlifted to a Lubbock Hospital. Please keep him in your prayers.

***Prayer List***

Mary Anchondo; Maria Baeza; Irene Balerio; Ameer Blumenauer; Betty Branson; Mary Brown; Naomi and Adelynn Bustillos; Glenna Callendar; Arthur Campos; Sylvia Campos; LaDonna Chism; James Drake; Jon Easley; Cathy Eastwood; Daniel Eastwood; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Lon & Lana Howard; Charles Lewis; Leigh Ann McFarland; Keith Mitchell; Milous Mitchell; Juan & Estella Morolez; Inocencio Munoz, Sr; Julie Munoz; Bruce Plyler; K' Lynn Roberts; Linda Straw; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Carolyn Wilkerson; John Wood; Wilene Wright.

***Eisenhower's Homebound....***

Betty Branson; Glenna Callendar; James & Joyce Drake; Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley & Marilyn Upshaw.

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

***Events***

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

## Office News...

Thom Moore will be here on December 6th to pick up the NMCCH holiday gifts.

## “November Attended Nursery”

11/12 Kamryn & Hannah

11/19 Nancy & Virgie

11/26 Wanda & Rosalinda

## Free

Free must be the favorite word of the American advertising industry: “Free accessories,” “Free processing,” “Children free,” “Buy 1 get 1 free.” But we learn quickly that nothing is truly free. We pay for what we get, either by a required purchase or by putting forth much of our own time and effort to get the *gift*.

The same is true of freedom. There is nothing *free* about freedom. Our national freedom did not come easily, as we are reminded in the song line, “Never forget that liberty was paid for at Lexington, and bought at Bunker Hill.” Nor is freedom preserved without cost: “Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.”

Ironically, those who have freedom are not really free. There are great responsibilities that fall to those who have freedom, because they have so few restrictions and are able to accomplish so much.

So, it is with our freedom in Christ. It certainly was not free. We were “servants of sin” (Romans 6:17), but we have been “bought with a price” (I Corinthians 7:23), a very great price, God’s “only begotten son” (John 3:16).

Vigilance is also required to maintain our Christian freedom. Peter said to “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8).

There are also many responsibilities that come with our Christian freedom. We owe allegiance and service to the one who obtained that liberty for us, and we must spread the word about the “liberty which we have in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 2:4).

The parable of the Talents clearly teaches the disappointment our Lord will feel if we do not accept and fulfill our responsibilities. In this parable, the “talents” are responsibilities, not abilities. *I am afraid many have been given a ten-talent responsibility and are busy digging a ten-talent-sized hole for burying it!*

Nature shows us that we lose what we do not use. Un-used land is taken over with weeds. Unused muscles wither. Unused mental powers become dull.

*I hope the Lord will extend the opportunity for us to better use our great national freedom in teaching others about Christ—and not take it away because we have abused it through lack of use.*

—Stanley J. Crowley

### November 12, 2023

Announcements

Song Leader

Sermon

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Second Prayer

Closing Prayer

### A.M.

Don Easlon

Steve Easlon

Allen Weakland

Don Easlon

Travis Ruckman

Trini Wood

Richard Siler

### P.M.

Don Easlon

Jacob Carson

Allen Weakland

Don Easlon

Gary Loving

Larry May

Tommy Garcia

**Lord's Supper**

Jeff Wesson  
Caleb York  
Bill Ryan  
Scot Straw

Jon Roemisch  
Communion  
(In Library)

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Don Easlon 288-5834 — *Deacon:* Craig Wesson 934-4633—*Pulpit:* Cody Wesson 934-4646—*Table:* Jon Roemisch 202-7725 — *Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Recording Sermons:* Rudy Ochoa 214-0398— *Contributions:* Jon Roemisch

**Sunday AM**

*“Embracing God”*  
(Hebrews 12:25-29)

**Sunday PM**

*“Stability of Our Time”*  
(Isaiah 33:6)

**Our Records**

*Bible Class... 74*  
*Morning Worship...97*  
*Evening Worship ... NC*  
*Wednesday...71*  
*Contribution...\$4,571.25*