

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Does “Burned Up” Mean “Burned Up”?

The Premillennialists of a generation ago and the Zionists of more modern times all claim that Jesus is coming back to this earth and establish His kingdom hereon. When the statement in 2 Peter 3:10 is shown to them, they have no recourse but to deny that Peter really meant what he said, or that he really said what he meant. Peter’s statement in 2 Peter 3:10 is as follows: ***“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.”***

The real problem seems to be with the phrase, “burned up.” The Zionist does not believe that “burned up” means “burned up”; because if “burned up” means “burned up,” Jesus cannot establish His kingdom upon this earth when he comes again. Does “burned up” mean “burned up,” or does it mean something else? The Zionist insists that “burned up” means “renovated” or “purified.” Let us examine the matter carefully.

The phrase, “burned up” is translated from the Greek *katakaio*, a word which is used a total of twelve times in the New Testament. It is used in Matthew 13:30, and also verse 40 to describe what would happen to the tares when they were separated from the wheat. It is used in Matthew 3:12 and Luke 3:17 to tell of the burning of the chaff when it is separated from the wheat. It is used in Acts 19:19 to tell of the burning of the many books in that great bonfire at Ephesus. When the tares were burned, were they just renovated? When the chaff was burned, was it just purified by the fire? When the books were brought together at Ephesus, were they just warmed by the fire?

Other passages where the word *katakaio* is used are: 1 Corinthians 3:15; Hebrews 13:11 Revelation 8:7 (twice); 17:16; and 18:8. In each of these cases it is clear that the word describes destruction by fire; and there is absolutely no cause to believe it means something different in 2 Peter 3:10.

We are aware that there is a variation among the manuscripts at this passage. Some manuscripts have *eurethesetai* ‘discovered,’ instead of *katakaio*. But this adds no strength to the argument of the Zionist; for to “be discovered” does not mean to “be renovated” or to “be purified.” Furthermore, we believe there is reason to agree with the following statements: “The reading ‘shall be burned up’ is well supported, and suits the context best” (*the Pulpit Commentary*). “We consider the variant reading...out of the line of thought” (R.C.H. Lenski).

“the earth ... and the works ... therein shall be burned up”

Incidentally, we have checked several different translations; and the only one we have personally examined at this passage which translates the variant reading is the one put out by the Jehovah’s Witnesses. The New International Version, which is being used by a good many brethren, does not accurately translate either *eurethesetai* or *katakaio*. It says, “the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.” This appears to be an attempt on the part of the NIV translators to insert their Zionistic theology into the text of the Bible. It is lamentable that the NIV translators stooped even lower at this point than did those of the Watchtower Society. At least the Watchtower Society translators did properly translate the less likely variation; while the NIV

translators showed a preference for the less likely variation and then supplied their own interpretation.

We believe “burned up” means “burned up.”

—Bobby Duncan

Response

Melissa Moore came forward last Sunday morning requesting prayers and help in handling family matters. She also feels a sense of waywardness due to her faith being in a weakened state. Please keep Melissa in your prayers that she can build upon her faith and become stronger Christian in the Lord.

Prayer Request

Phil Halbert was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, November 2nd due to chest pain. He was diagnosed as being dehydrated with low blood pressure. His BP was brought back to normal and all his blood work was clear. Phil was able to go home that night.

Concerns Update

Ysidro Hernandez, Oliver’s brother, was able to go home from the hospital.

Prayer List

Rudy Alaniz; Wayne Anderson; Betty Branson; Bill and Mary Brown; Glenna Callendar; LaDonna Chism; Cathy Eastwood; Dana Erwin; Mark Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Elaine Huntington; Chuck Keith; Bella Lee; Mildred Lee; Jason Moore; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Chassidy Rayos; Carlos Reyes; Augie Rubalcado; Haley Shook; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Carolyn Wilkerson; Bill Wood; John Wood.

Eisenhower’s Shut-ins

Glenna Callendar; LaVerne Couch, James & Joyce Drake; Ronda Lyne; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw

Events

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

Youth

Bible Knowledge ... “Who said this?”

Joshua said “But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24:15)

Office News

The items requested for our **“Food Pantry”** for the next two weeks are: Black Pepper, Boxes of Jello and Puddings.

Ladies, Tuesday, November 15th is **“Bunco Night”** in the Annex. It starts at 6:00 pm. Please bring a meal if you need to. Dessert will be provided.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the continued prayers for my son, Rudy. He is doing a lot better and is back on the move as usual. Thank you again, Maria Anaya

Food for Thought...

Deal with the faults of others as gently as with your own

Which Church is Right?

There are hundreds of different denominations in the world today. Is God pleased with so many? The Bible answer is No. Should we pray for and support them all? Again the Bible answer is No. Can we know which one, if any, God approves? Yes! Jesus would establish “one church” (Matthew 16:18). Ephesians 4:4-5 says there is “one body,” “one faith.”

To find out which church is approved of God, leave feelings out of the picture. They cloud the issue. Next turn to the Bible, specifically the New Testament. Creeds, manuals, councils and synods have nothing to do with an honest search for the God approved church. Such works of men are not the authority. The Bible is the authority. Long established traditions have no bearing in one’s investigation. Every man/woman can learn the Truth for themselves. The Bible can be understood (Ephesians 3:4). Have an open mind. Approach the Scriptures desiring to learn what God wants and be willing to accept it no matter where it leads, even when its different than you have always believed. God is the one we seek to please, not ourselves. It does not matter what we want. What God wants is the only right way.

Several questions must be asked: 1) What were the *characteristics* of the church? 2) What *name* did it wear? 3) What *doctrine* did it teach? 4) What did the church *practice*? 5) What was *done in worship*? 6) How was worship *conducted*? 7) What was the *organization* of the church? 8) How did its *members live* from day-to-day? These are all vital questions. None of the answers are left to man’s discretion. When the honest answer from the Scriptures is found, then turn to the world and begin our search for the one that matches the *identity of the church* you read about in the New Testament. Reject all churches that do not match its identity.

Which church today fits this description? Study to be approved of God (2 Timothy 2:15). Investigate the “churches of Christ” (Romans 16:16). Jesus is its head; the Bible is its guide and Heaven is its home.

—Garland M Robinson

November 13, 2022	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Don Easlon	Don Easlon
Song Leader	Steve Easlon	Craig Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Don Easlon	Don Easlon
Scripture	Travis Ruckman	Isaiah Armendarez
Second Prayer	Larry May	Caleb York
Closing Prayer	Doug Guynn	Trini Wood
Lords Supper	<u>Tommy Garcia</u> Jon Roemisch Gary Loving Trini Wood	Richard Siler Communion (In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Don Easlon 288-5834— *Deacon:* Bill Ryan 352-4871— *Pulpit:* David Ryan 512-924-0983— *Table:* Richard Siler 556-2151— *Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Recording Sermons:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Collections:* Richard Siler

Sunday AM

“Ways to Prevent Arrogance”
(Romans 11:13-18)

Sunday PM

*“Benefits of Christ’s Blood “
(Hebrews 10:11-18)*

Our Records

Bible Class... 70

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