

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Transformation “The New Person”

After an individual has been transferred into Christ by the new birth and initiates the new life in His Lord, he begins to be changed into a new person. Although he is still plagued by evil habits and problems, the new Christian is counted perfect or righteous by God because he is IN CHRIST. But he is not what he wants to be. Therefore, as the new life is manifest, a new person is being formed after the image of Christ.

Paul, the ex-murderer, changed so radically over a thirty-year period that he was virtually unrecognizable at the end of his life. What happened?

MIND CHANGE

First, Paul stated that the new person sets his mind on the heavenly, on Jesus, his life who is at the right hand of God in Heaven (Colossians 3:1). This is hard to do as many pressures and allurements tend to keep us earth bound. To ensure the change, Paul urged the Roman Christians “to prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God” (Romans 12:2). (1) GOOD—the realm of what is right with no provision for the wrong; (2) ACCEPTABLE—an intensive effort to do what is right for the right reason (motive, attitude); (3) PERFECT—a desire not to do only part of the good with the right motive, but the entire or complete will of God. This kind of mind is certainly essential if one’s person is to become Christ-like.

PERSON CHANGE

Second, with his new mind, Paul changed his activities and became a proclaimer of the gospel instead of a ravager of the church. Also, he wrote many letters to encourage the Christians to become new persons. These great teachings have served to inspire and instruct millions for nearly two thousand years.

TRANSFORMATION

The apostle urged the Ephesian and Colossian saints to put off the old man described as immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire and covetousness which is idolatry, anger, wrath, slander and foul talk (Colossians 3:5-9; Ephesians 4:25-29) and put on the new nature which is being renewed after the image of its creator (Colossians 3:10). Paul then portrayed the new man; he is holy, beloved, compassionate, kind, lowly, meek and patient.

To the Corinthian brethren, Paul said the Christian is changed from one degree of glory to another; and this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. Although this may seem impossible or nearly so, the supreme effort should be made by each child of God to allow the Spirit of the Lord to bear His fruit in his or her life and the transformation of a person will take place one degree at a time (2 Corinthians 3:18). This is a paradox—the out man (physical) is wasting away daily, but the inner (spiritual) man is being renewed day by day (2 Corinthians 4:16).

Therefore, the true son of God realizes that he is constantly becoming more like Jesus. Today, he is at his spiritual pinnacle. This is the greatest day of your life! And each today is always the greatest day because we are just a little more like HIM than the day before. The culmination is magnificently portrayed by John. Although we are God’s children now, “it

does not yet appear what we shall be; but we know when HE appears, we shall be LIKE HIM..." (1 John 3:2). Truly, the Christian sings, "Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway; Filled with thy Spirit, till all shall see, Christ, ONLY, ALWAYS, living in ME! Amen.

—Stephen Eckstein

Prayer Requests

We need to keep **Mary Anchondo** in our prayers. She has been diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver and will be scheduled to have a biopsy done soon to see what stage she is in. Mary needs our prayers.

Connie Jimenez was in MCH last week being treated for high blood sugar. She will be going to Dallas for surgery (not related to sugar levels) but the date has not been set yet. Connie has requested our prayers for a successful surgery.

Concerns Update

Sylvia has requested that we continue to pray for her daughter, **Vanessa Machuca**. She is not tolerating some of the medications she is on now. Vanessa is out of ICU. Sylvia wants to "Thank" everyone for their prayers on behalf of her daughter.

Brent Harrell, who was in a wreck in Hobbs, NM last Tuesday underwent surgery on his neck in Lubbock. Brent needs prayers.

Prayer List

David Alaniz; 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; Brent Harrell; Lon & Lana Howard; Charles Lewis; Vanessa Machuca; 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...

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

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and 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.

The holiday "**Ladies Gift Exchange**" will be held at Bonnie Sorenson's home at 6:30 pm on Friday, December 8th. Ladies, please bring a finger food and gift. Come and enjoy the fun, fellowship and food.

"November Attended Nursery"

11/19 Nancy & Virgie

11/26 Wanda & Rosalinda

Missing on Sunday and Wednesday Nights

In any congregation, attendance seems to fluctuate, primarily from Sunday morning to Sunday night, and even more so on Wednesday night. Sunday night and Wednesdays are often treated very casually with an attitude that say, “If I don’t have anything better to do; I will be there.” This half-hearted approach is no better than the attitude of the backsliding nation of Judah of whom God said, “Judah has not turned to me with her whole heart” (Jeremiah 3:10). Maybe it is time for all Christians to be reminded that our lives are a “living sacrifice” dedicated to God (Romans 12:1). We “die daily” for Him (1 Corinthians 15:31). “Showing up” on Sunday night or Wednesday night is not a guarantee of faithfulness, but it is definitely a step in the right direction. Just think about the results of neglecting worship and Bible study opportunities...

(1) You do not get encouragement—We all need encouragement and God’s design is partly for us to receive encouragement in the assembly by stirring up love and good works (Hebrews 10:24).

(2) You do not get fed with the Word—We do not neglect physical food so why should we neglect spiritual food? Which is more important? Growing in respect to salvation is the best thing we can do in the middle of the week (1 Peter 2:2).

(3) You do not show respect for the elders—The elder’s take care of God’s sheep. Out of respect for them we ought to follow their lead and obey—even on Wednesday night (Hebrews 13:17).

(4) You do not set a good example—Do you have children at home who you are influencing negatively in your neglect? Grandchildren? Husbands/Wives? Friends? Family? They need to see us imitating Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1).

(5) You do not put God first—This is a big one! When you willfully choose to neglect God, He cannot be first in your life. What is more important than committing ourselves to honor Him and His Word at every opportunity. Could it be demanding? “Yes”. Will it be rewarding? “Yes”. (2 Timothy 4:8).

—Derrick Coble

November 19, 2023	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Don Easlon	Don Easlon
Song Leader	Craig Wesson	Oliver Hernandez
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Don Easlon	Don Easlon
Scripture Reading	Jr. Munoz	Richard Siler
Second Prayer	Caleb York	Bill Ryan
Closing Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Larry May
Lord’s Supper	<u>Tommy Garcia</u>	Jon Roemisch
	Richard Siler	Communion
	Steve Easlon	(In Library)
	Travis Ruckman	

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

“Be Loyal” (Hebrews 10:19-25)

Sunday PM

“Pure Religion” (James 1:21-27)

Our Records

Bible Class... 72

Morning Worship...103

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