

Eisenhower Church of Christ

WHEN IT'S OK TO HATE

Recent events have drawn attention to one of the baser elements of human nature. From the halls of Congress to the Oval Office to State Houses and the streets of our cities there seems to be an unending stream of vitriol that is fanning the flames of hatred in our country. This harsh and generally unfair criticism has stirred up the emotions of so many people that reasonable discussion of the legitimate issues facing us is nearly impossible. In response to these tensions many well-meaning people are simply calling for an end to the hate. This is a worthy goal and greatly to be desired, but it is clear that most people have no idea how to achieve it.

On the one hand, many professed believers suggest that we can only end the hate if we begin to love our neighbors as ourselves, just as the Lord commanded. In Matthew 22:37-40, in response to the question of which is the greatest commandment, the Lord said that the foremost commandment is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind. The second, He said, is to love our neighbor as ourselves. Certainly, if all of us obeyed these two commands all the hatred would end.

On the other hand, there is another aspect of biblical teaching that applies to this discussion. It is something that in large measure we have overlooked, and which many people might dismiss without a second thought. This biblical truth is that there are some things that we must hate. We must hate these things because God Himself hates them.

In Proverbs 6:16-19 Solomon wrote, ***“There are six things which the Lord hates, yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that run rapidly to evil, a false witness who utters lies, and one who spread strife among brothers.”*** These seven sins are at the root of virtually every problem we face as individuals and as a nation. The magnitude of these sins is seen in the Lord's response to them. Solomon says God hates them and they are an abomination to Him.

We generally recoil from the idea of hatred, but in the context of Solomon's wisdom, surely we can see that there are times when it is appropriate for us to hate. Part of the condemnation that came upon the nation of Judah was because their spiritual leaders prophesied falsely and the people loved it instead of opposing it (Jeremiah 5:31). In a similar way, we have tacitly given our approval to the things God hates by our silence about them. These things have been on display in our land for too long without any serious challenge from godly people. As a result we are reaping the fruit of our silence.

While it is appropriate to hate certain things, it is important for us to understand

that hating these sins does not mean we hate individuals who commit them. God the Father hates these things, but He so loved the ones committing them that He sent His only Son to die on the cross in order to forgive their sins. This is the model that we must follow. We must condemn sin in every instance. But we must do so with the ultimate goal of saving the sinner by the blood of Jesus Christ. Therefore, we must call upon people to repent of sin in whatever form it may be manifested.

If more of us hated the things that God hates, we would no longer tolerate the sins that have created the evil environment in which we live. If we all hated the things God hates, the other kind of hatred would cease.

—Fred Dominguez

Prayer Request

Theresa Ford's grandson, **Shane Ford**, was in a terrible motorcycle/auto accident Sunday, November 13th. Shane was on the motorcycle. He sustained traumatic injuries to his head, neck and body with several broken bones to his arms and feet. Shane had emergency surgery that day and a 2nd surgery on Tuesday at MCH. He has already received 30 units of blood. Theresa is one of the board members at Odessa Christian School. Please keep Shane in your prayers.

Glynn Chandler (grandfather of Jacob Carson) seems to be doing okay after undergoing surgery on his hip Monday at the Medical Memorial Hospital. Please keep Glynn in your prayers.

Prayer List

David Alaniz; Lee Roy Bell, Betty Branson; Mary Brown; Bill Bundick; Mitchell Bundick; Sissy Bundick; Betty Burns; Barbara Crowder; Ruby Davis; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; John Ford; Melida Frazier; Jane Gibbons; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Lon Howard; Charles Jones; Janis Laminack; Connie Lowe; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Juan & Estella Morolez; Rudy Ochoa; Trina Plyler; Lester Savoy; Andrew Schwarz; Janelle Shirley; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; Jim Simmons; John Tessorf; Marilyn Upshaw; James Weaver; Judy Wells; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; John Wood; Toya Zambelli.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Ruby Davis; Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

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

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

Where did Jesus say, "This is my body, which will be given up for you"?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

The Book of Psalms has 150 psalms.

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 back in Odessa December 7th, 2016. They are requesting **Tea Bags** and **Koolaid**. Monetary donations also accepted.

“**November 23rd**” We will have our “Thanksgiving Service” conducted by the men of our congregation.

“**November 30th**” Our Wednesday Night Congregational Singing Service.

NOTE:

We have some old wooden tables and metal chairs (some broken) left in the annex. We want to get rid of them. If you would like some of these please check with Richard Siler. We have set a two week deadline before we trash them.

This morning we will be handing out “**Members Volunteer Sheets**”. We are asking our members to please fill out the front and back of these sheets (*only the duties that applies to your gender*).

Please complete the sheets this morning so they can be picked up at the end of our service. We truly appreciate your cooperation in this.

Food for Thought...

Some of us don’t know what we want, but we are sure we don’t have it.

Poem on Time and Eternity

Sixty seconds make a minute,
May we please the Savior in it;
Sixty minutes make an hour,
May we feel His saving power.
Twenty-four hours make a day,
O’er us give His Will full sway;
Seven days make a week,
Make us humble, lowly, meek.
As weeks into months must turn,
Let us more of Jesus learn;
As the months shall make the year,
Free us from worry, doubt and fear.
As the years make up our life,
Give us victory in the strife;
When eternity at last we see,
May we live it, Lord, with thee.

—Author Unknown

November 20, 2016 A.M.

Announcements	Allen Weakland
Song Leader	Craig Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Allen Weakland
Scripture	Tom Sorenson
Second Prayer	Rudy Ochoa
Closing Prayer	Mike Roemisch
Lord's Supper	

West...

Larry May
Jr. Munoz
Dex Dennard

P.M.

Allen Weakland
Jacob Carson
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Trinidad Wood
John Wood
Cody Wesson
Scot Straw
Communion
(In Library)

East...

Don Easlon
Josh Weakland
Dylan Straw

Other Responsibilities: *Elder of the Month:* Allen Weakland 362-1403 *Deacon;* Josh Wells 770-6753
Pulpit; Chris Butler 362-7486 *Table;* Scot Straw 301-0549 *Song Leaders;* Denny Wilson 325-340-2291
Recording Duties; Josh Wells 770-6753 *Collections;* Josh Wells 770-6753

Sunday AM

“Use all Your Strength”
(Acts 12:1-12)

Sunday PM

“Exhortation to the Young”
(I Peter 5:5-9)

Our Records

Bible Class... 96
*Morning Worship...*147
*Evening Worship...*74
*Wednesday...*81
Contribution...\$5,783.25