

Eisenhower Church of Christ

The Greater Age Under Fire

Peter told his readers that the prophets understood the things they were foretelling did not pertain to their time, but to the greater age (1 Peter 1:12a). Peter also declared that what was revealed about the Gospel had then been reported (1 Peter 1:12b). The full message had come to fruition through the preaching of the Gospel. This preaching was done by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the same Spirit who inspired the prophets to foretell the events which had, in Peter's day, come to pass. The phrase "sent down from heaven" likely refers to the beginning of the kingdom on Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit empowered the apostles to preach the Gospel for the first time.

Peter's last phrase in verse 12 mentions the interest of the angels in the plan of redemption. The phrase "look into" reveals the intensity of the angelic interest. It is the same word translated "stooping down" in John 20:5, where it is said of John: "And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in." The same word describes Peter's investigation of the empty tomb, as recorded in Luke 24:12: ***"Then arose Peter and ran unto the sepulcher and stooping down, he beheld the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass."*** The word translated "stooping down" in the latter two verses carries the thought of intense investigation or looking carefully and attentively. Stooping down to get a closer look describes the degree of interest the angels have in God's redemptive plan.

The word "desire" in 1 Peter 1:12 further reinforces the great level of interest the angels have in redemption. It is a word that indicates intense longing for something, having one's heart set on its possession. If angels, who are not subject to God's plan of redemption, have such intense interest in its intricacies, how much more intently should man desire to look into it and to avail himself of its marvelous mercies and bountiful blessings? The salvation about which the prophets "inquired and searched diligently" was presented in its fullness on Pentecost, following the resurrection and ascension of the Christ. Jesus had indicated the kingdom's imminence in His statement: ***"Verily I say unto you, that there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power"*** (Mark 9:1). The Lord promised power to the apostles: ***"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth"*** (Acts 1:8). That Pentecost day marked the beginning of the greatest age, in which the grandest theme ever sung reached the hearts of some 3,000 precious souls who rendered obedience to the gospel (Acts 2:41). The grace and truth which came by the Christ was manifested in its fullness on Pentecost, when many of the Jews present on that occasion cried out: ***"Men and brethren, what shall we do"*** (Acts 2:37b)? God's matchless grace and boundless love was about to burst forth in "the sunlight age" -the Christian dispensation. The answer to "what should we do" would come in Peter's recorded response to the world's most important question: ***"What must I do to be saved?" Then Peter said unto them, Repent and to baptized, everyone of your in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost"*** (Acts 2:38).

The overwhelming emotion filling the hearts of the inquirers on Pentecost must have been guilt in its most grievous degree. However, when they heard Peter's response, a transformation began, from guilt to gladness. Notice Acts 2:40-41: ***“And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.”***

—Jim Dearman

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Mary Anchondo and her family on the passing of her mother, **Guadalupe (Lupe) Gomez**. Lupe died at 11:50 p.m. Friday, November 15th at her home. She had suffered from Alzheimer's for 20 years. Services were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10:00 am Wednesday, November 20th. Martinez Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Also, our condolences go out to the family of **David C. Shepard**, Teresa Ford Shepard's husband. David passed away early Sunday morning, November 17th after a short illness. A Visitation was scheduled at 1:00 pm on Saturday, November 23rd and a Memorial Service followed at 2:00 pm at the Parkview church of Christ. David was 85 years old.

Prayer Requests

Jackie Rex underwent surgery at Medical Center Hospital, Monday, November 18th to have an artery in her leg cleaned out. This is to help with the circulation.

Prayer List

Brian Basaldua; Don Blackwell; Betty Brooks; Bill Brown; Sharon Brown; Cindy Campbell; Sylvia Campos; Steve Chavez; Emma Craig; Ronald Dement; Bessie Diaz; Loyce Driver; Jazmine Duron; Paulie Ann Easlon; Dana Erwin; Thomas Garcia; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Winford Hambright; Irene Hernandez; Leo Holloway; Letha Hooper; Vertie Howard; Betty Leeth; Miguel Lozano; Jed Martin; Ora McAfee; Jason Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Juanita Orosco; Caydon Parker; Trina Plyler; Laisha Ramirez; Jackie Rex; Bill Ryan; Debra Shipley; Janelle Shirley; Charles & Susan Simmons; Mark Thompson; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Robert Vargas; Lisa Wells; James & Janet Wesson; Jay Wesson; Tom Wilcox; Carolyn Wilkerson; Sondie Williamson; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Roberta Hamil; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

To whom did God say the following...Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart.

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer ...

There were four Mary's at the cross; Mary, Mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene; Mary, James' mother and Mary, Clopas' wife. (John 19:25; Mark 15:40)

Events

Watch "*In Search of the Lord's Way*" every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

The elders at the **Brown Trail church of Christ** decided to take their program "**Speaking the Truth in Love**" off the air. It was televised on ABC at 8:00 am Sunday mornings.

Office News

NOVEMBER ATTENDED NURSERY 11/24/19 Kamilla & Julie D.

The "**NMCCH Home**" will be here 12/3 for a food pickup. They have requested cold cereals and brown sugar and will also pick up the gifts for the children at that time.

Ladies Gift Exchange

There will be a "**Gift Exchange**" at Bonnie Sorenson's home, Friday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m. Ladies, please bring a gift to exchange and a finger food.

Valuable Oranges

One of the most tragic accidents that ever happened came about in the mid-Atlantic, April 14, 1912.

The Titanic, one of the largest vessels of all time, hit an iceberg and sank within a few hours. Many stories of heroism and courage have been written about this accident. Many women chose to go down with their husbands. The band played "Nearer My God to Thee."

One woman who was allotted space on one of the rescue boats asked permission to return to her stateroom. She was given three minutes. In that stateroom money and jewels were scattered all over the floor, but she took no heed of them. Rather, she snatched three oranges and hurried back to the boat.

It seems almost incredible that the woman preferred oranges to diamonds. But, you see, death had boarded the Titanic and with one blast of its awful breath, transformed all values—precious things became worthless and worthless things became precious.

Death has a funny way of changing things. All the things we work for and worry about seem reasonable until they are viewed in the light of our own death. The pursuit of pleasurable things seems most reasonable until one ponders the grave. Death just has a way of changing one's perspective. The thing that happened on the Titanic actually happens every day—but remember: values transformed at death are values transformed too late. Will you transform your values now?

—Norman Martin

November 24, 2019

A.M.

P.M.

Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Rudy Ochoa	Jacob Carson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Bill Ryan	David Ryan
Second Prayer	Josh Wells	Clint Titlow
Closing Prayer	Bill Tolbert	Charles Wood
Lord's Supper		
(Scripture Reading)	<u>Jeff Wesson</u>	
West...	Trinidad Wood	Don Easlon
	Gary Loving	Communion
	Jr. Munoz	(In Library)
East	Doug Guynn	
	Miguel Lozano	
	Cody Wesson	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder*: Larry May 638-3990—*Deacon*.: Don Easlon 288-5834 —*Pulpit*.: Rudy Ochoa 214-0398—*Table*: Don Easlon 288-5834 — *Song Leaders*: Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons*: Craig Wesson 934-4646 *Collections*: Craig Wesson 934-4646

Sunday AM

"TBA"

Sunday PM

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Our Records

Bible Class... 62
Morning Worship...109
Evening Worship...NC
Wednesday...79
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