

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## Quenching the Quibbles

People use all sorts of illustrations and similes attempting to prove false doctrine. However, illustrations cannot be used properly to teach, but to clarify that which has already been established to be true.

I heard a man try to prove that God approves of every denomination in the world. He said Christianity is like a big river and all the churches like little tributaries are contributing to that great stream. I asked what would happen if one of the tributaries did not believe that Jesus is the Son of God. He said God would allow it to run into the ground and dry up. That got him into more trouble because he believed in the doctrine, if you please, once a “stream” always a “stream”.

I asked if he would endorse a preacher who preached a given doctrine six different ways. He assured me he would not. Yet, I pointed out to him that he would endorse it if six different men preached six conflicting doctrines on the same subject. He said he would have to think about that.

### **Cannot or Will Not?**

There is a vast difference between the doctrine of once-saved-always saved and the application made by its advocates. They say a child of God “cannot” so sin as to finally be lost, but when questioned their circular reasoning (?) betrays a lack of understanding on their part of their own doctrine. Do they believe a Christian “cannot” so sin as to finally be lost, or that a Christian “will not” so sin as to finally be lost? We will see.

Asked if a Christian can commit murder, a Calvinist will likely reply that if one is a “true Christian” he “will not” commit murder. We would be further informed that if he did commit murder it would be evidence that he was not a Christian to begin with. But this is not what he believes. He has not affirmed that a Christian “will not” commit murder, but that he “cannot”. The only way one can consistently argue the “cannot” side is to argue that God is a respecter of persons. This violates Acts 10:34. If the doctrine is correct, and it is not, one of two things is true: 1) God intervenes in the life of a true Christian, stays his hand and physically prevents him from committing murder, or 2) the Christian commits the murder but God does not lay it to his charge. The first makes God a respecter of person because He stays the hand of the Christian but does not stay the hand of the alien. The second makes God a respecter of persons because He does lay the sin to the charge of aliens (1 Cor. 6:9-11). If the doctrine were clay it would be too sorry to make brick.

### **The Pick and Choose Method**

Among the methods used to arrive at truth on any given Bible topic is the “pick and choose” method. In this procedure the inquirer does not search for the truth, he thinks he already knows it before he ever opens the Bible. All he needs to do is find a few proof texts to confirm it. After he has found what he wants he closes his Bible and other evidence is inadmissible.

A good illustration of the aforementioned method is the sectarian answer to the question, “What must I do to be saved?” With little variation the answer is faith in God; recognition of Jesus as the one way; admission of our inability to save ourselves and trusting in Jesus as our personal Savior (also called accepting Christ). While Gospel preachers are called “five steppers” blind prejudice cannot see that such advocates are “four steppers.” Sometimes you even have a card to sign stating you have accepted Jesus as your personal Savior, as if the Bible said, “He that believeth and signs a card shall be saved.” Nothing remotely resembling this is found in the

Bible, but few people ever take that into consideration.

Favorite choices for the proof of such an answer to the question are John 3:16; Acts 16:31; Romans 3:28; 10:13; and, Ephesians 2:8. Neither one nor all eliminate Acts 2:38; 22:16; Matthew 28:18-19; or, I Peter 3:21, to name only a few passages which also treat of the subject of salvation. To accept them along with the latter list is to do no damage to any of them. To accept either list or any single passage exclusively is to obligate one to explain why one is counted and the others are to be ignored? Such a person has set himself up as a judge of God's Word as to which part is to be believed and which is not. For shame!

— Roger Jackson

### ***Prayer Request***

**Janis Laminack** was taken to MCH on Monday, November 13th. She suffered another heart attack and was given a shot in the heart area. Janis was able to go home on Friday and is trying to recuperate. She is very weak and tired and is in need of prayers.

Keep **Sonia Wood** in your prayers as she recovers from her surgery done on Friday, November 17th. All went well, but she is having some pain. Sonia is home recuperating.

**John Wood** went back to the Lubbock Infusion Center on Monday, November 20th for another part of his new medication treatment. Continue to keep John in your prayers that he will see results from these treatments.

**Elsie Bradford**, Loyce Driver's sister, was admitted into MCH-CCU #2 last Tuesday night (Nov. 14th) due to several serious health issues; her heart was in an A-fib mode, low oxygen level and low BP. Loyce is requesting prayers for her.

**Opal Hager** (Christy Weakland's grandmother) was taken to the ER because of a fall which caused bleeding in her head. After being treated and released and at home, Opal had to be taken back to the hospital due to her having a heart attack. She also has sepsis in all her organs. Last word was that she was improving some. Opal is 91 years old and lives in Weatherford, TX.

**Estella Morolez** (a former member) underwent triple bypass heart surgery on Thursday, November 16th in Houston. The surgery went well and Estella was doing well. She and Juan live in Onalaska, TX. Keep them in your prayers.

**Hattie Gilmore** has requested prayers for her niece who was severely burned on her arm. She is in the Burn Center in Lubbock and underwent surgery Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>; Waiting on update.

### ***Concerns Update***

**Glenna McCarty** was moved to Health South in Midland for rehab. She is in Room #250. Continue to pray for Glenna's recovery.

**Betty Branson** had a doctor's appointment Monday, November 20th for a checkup concerning her foot. Keep her in your prayers.

**Lee Roy Bell** is out of the hospital. He still has the blockages; they were unable to do any stents. Lee Roy is staying with his son, Roy Lee for now.

### ***Prayer List***

Tom Bauer; Lee Roy Bell, Elsie Bradford; Bill & Mary Brown; Bill Butler; Harold Carrigan; David Castor; Sue Dahlen; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Glenda Driver; John Ford; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Winford Hambright; Glenda Hillis; Janis Laminack; Betty Leeth; Kristen Limb; Eliseo Lopez; Larry May; Glenna McCarty; Russ Montgomery; Tanya Nichols; Curtis Parum; Trina Plyler; Russel Rosser; Elvia Ruckman; Charles Simmons; Matthew Simmons; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Jurlean Warren; Jimmy Weaver; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; Glenda Winkley; Charles Wood; John Wood; Jack Wright.

## **Eisenhower's Shut-ins**

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

## **Youth**

### **Bible Quiz Question...**

What was wrong with Legion?

### **Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...**

It was his riches that stood in the way of the young man and eternal life.

## **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.

There will be a "**Holiday Party**" for all the ladies on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at Bonnie Sorenson home. Please bring a snack food to share and also a gift for the exchange. All the ladies are invited.

## **Thank You**

Dear Members of the Eisenhower Church of Christ,

Thank you so very much for your help and support for the Aransas Pass church of Christ after Hurricane Harvey! Your prayers have meant a lot to us, also.

In Christian Love,

Heather & Charles Miller

## **Office News**

The "**New Mexico Children's Home**" will be in Odessa Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. They are requesting **Crackers and Pineapples**. Monetary donations also accepted. Also they will be picking up the holiday gifts for the children at that time.

### **November 26, 2017 A.M.**

Announcements	Larry May
Song Leader	John Wood
Sermon	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May
Scripture	Jr. Munoz
Second Prayer	Jeff Wesson
Closing Prayer	Richard Siler
Lord's Supper	
West...	Dex Dennard
	Tom Sorenson
	Bill Tolbert
East...	Jacob Carson
	Bill Ryan
	Don Easlon

### **P.M.**

Larry May
Jacob Carson
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Don Easlon
Bill Brown
Mike Roemisch
Josh Wells
Communion
(In Library)