

# Eisenhower Church of Christ

## The Name of the Church

One reason for being a member of the church of Christ is because of the name it wears. Names are important to men. We call our children, Peter, Paul and John but would not name one Nero or Judas Iscariot. "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." Names are important in God's sight. God changed Sarai's name to Sarah (Genesis 17:15). He changed Jacob's name to Israel (Genesis 35:10).

God planned to give His people a new name. Isaiah said, "And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord God shall slay thee, and call His servants by another name" (Isaiah 65:15). A similar prophecy is found in Isaiah 56:5 and Amos 9:11-12. All these prophecies were fulfilled in Acts 11:26 when "the disciples were called Christians first at Antioch." In Acts 26:28, after Paul preached to King Agrippa, the King said, "Almost thou persuade me to be a Christian." Peter said if any man suffers as a Christian, "let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf" (I Peter 4:16). Luke said there is salvation only in the name of Christ (Acts 4:12). Human names dishonor God.

The church is the bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:23). A faithful wife wears the name of her husband. She would not step out with some other man and wear His name. The church must wear the name of Christ and each member of it must wear His name. The church should be called the church of Christ. Jesus said, "I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18). If Christ said the church is His church, then it is Christ's church or the church of Christ and ought to be called such. In Romans 16:16 Paul said, "The churches of Christ salute you." Several congregations of the church are called churches of Christ. One congregation would be called a church of Christ.

Christ is the Savior of the Body: "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body" (Ephesians 5:23). He gave Himself for the Church: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it" (Ephesians 5:25).

He purchased the church with His blood. Paul told the Ephesian elders to "feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28).

He reconciled in the one Body: "that he might reconcile both unto God in one body" (Ephesians 2:16). Christ added the saved to the church: "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved (Acts 2:47).

Since the "church" is the "body", how can men be saved and not be members of the church? Since He "purchased" the church with His blood, how can people be members of the purchased institution? The church is spoken of as God's family—God's household.

"For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named" (Ephesians 3:14-15). Again: "But if I tarry long that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth" (I Timothy 3:15). From these scriptures we learn that the church is God's family—God's household. If people are saved before they are members of the church, then it runs thus: If you are saved, if you are a child of God, but not a member of the church; then you are a child but not in the family.

If you are a child, and not in the family (church), you accuse God of being the father of children that are not in His family! Again; you had to be "born again" to be saved: If you are saved before you become a member of the church, since the church is God's family; it follows that you were born again, and remained out of the family of God. Why? (1) You had to be born again to be saved. (2) When saved, you are God's child, or when born again, you are God's child. If saved before you became one of God's family, the church, then you claim to be a child

and not in the family of God. I would hate to accuse God of having children that are not in His family and I would certainly hate to acknowledge that I was a child of God and not in His family. God does not have children who are not in His family and the family is the church. It follows that all of God's children are members of His family, the church.

—George W. DeHoff

### **Sympathy**

Ora McAfee's nephew, **Roger Wayne Betts**, passed away from a heart attack on Thursday, November 18th in Pampa. She has requested prayers for his family.

**Marc Boswell** (elder at Andrews Church of Christ) and band director both were killed in a school bus/vehicle accident outside Big Spring Friday, November 19th. Several children were injured also. Prayers are needed.

### **Prayer Request**

**Mary Flunder**, Urisonya's mother-in-law, had surgery November 22nd in Midland. Her surgery went well. Pray for her a speedy recovery.

**Rudy Ochoa** is scheduled to have hand surgery on Monday, November 29th. This will help strengthen his hand. He needs your prayers.

**Tiffany Horton** will undergo surgery on Monday, November 29th. Please pray for a successful surgery and good outcome with her treatments.

**Natalynn Wood** was in a car accident Friday, November 19th in Arlington. She had some bruising from the airbag. So glad she is okay!

**Paxton Basaldua** was taken to the Signature Care Center last Sunday. He has the flu.

**Devida Montgomery** went to Signature Care Sunday, Nov. 21st. She was treated for Strep throat with prescribed medication and shots. Had allergic reaction to medicine.

### **Concern Update**

**Ora McAfee** was released from Encompass, Monday, November 22. She still needs prayers.

### **Prayer List**

Wayne Anderson; Paxton Basaldua, Betty Branson; LaDonna Chism; Dana Erwin; Hattie Gilmore; Hugo Grijalva; Doug Guynn; Rosanna Herrera; Tiffany Horton; Alex Martinez; Ora McAfee; Glenna McCarty; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Julie Munoz; Cain Pilgrim; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Chasidy Rayos; Jackie Rex; Daniel Reyes; Lisa Salas; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Janet Wesson; John Wood, Natalynn Wood.

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

Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Glenna McCarty; Jackie Rex; Janelle Shirley and Marilyn Upshaw

### **Youth**

Bible Quiz Question ... (Finish the Beatitude)

"Blessed are the meek..." (?)

Last Week's Quiz Answer...

"Blessed are those who mourn...for they will be comforted."

### **Events**

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

## Moments with the Master

Today's question comes as a result of the many signs that abound in this area which are good in some ways, but questionable in other ways. The signs tout the "Ten Commandments" given by God to Moses and insinuate that we also should keep them. The question is simple: are we under the Ten Commandments and are they still binding on us today?

What does the Bible say concerning the matter? The book of Hebrews 7:12 lets us know that in the Christian dispensation (under which we live) the 'priesthood changed' and that the law also changed. **IF** Christ is our High Priest today (and, for Christians, He indeed is), we are no longer under the Old Law. **IF** the Ten Commandments remain as our final religious authority today, then so is the priesthood of Levi that accompanied the Law. **IF** they are binding today, then only those who worship on Saturday (the Sabbath) worship right because the Ten Commandments command that we, "Remember the Sabbath, keep it holy." **IF** they are still in effect today, then we must need offer animal sacrifices which the law commanded.

Most of the time when people in our day refer to the keeping of the Ten Commandments, they usually say something like, "the ceremonial part of the Law was abolished, but not the moral part." Their intent is to remain moral in life and practice, and that is commendable, but to say that in the year 2021 we still must keep the Ten Commandments is incorrect. However, even that point isn't justifiable because the Bible makes no distinction between the ceremonial law and moral law. Those phrases or thoughts are foreign to Holy Scriptures. When Christ was circumcised at the tender age of eight days (Luke 2:21-24), as required in the Law, the offering prescribed for such is referred to by two terms, "the law of God" and "the law of Moses." The Scriptures don't distinguish between the Ten Commandments (as some say, God's law) and the priestly system (which they call Moses' law).

The complete system which God gave Moses at Sinai, has been abolished in Christ when He "nailed it to the cross" (Colossians 2:14) and through His shed blood (Matthew 26:28) when He ushered in the New Covenant (Testament).

Paul said we are "dead to the law" and called it a school-master to bring us to Christ and His law (John 12:48). We live under a new law and serve the Son of God only by spending our moments with the Master.

—Joe Spivy, Sr.

<b>November 28, 2021</b>	<b>A.M.</b>	<b>P.M.</b>
Announcements	Larry May	Larry May
Song Leader	Jacob Carson	Oliver Hernandez
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Larry May	Larry May
Scripture	Jackie Perkins	Don Easlon
Second Prayer	Oliver Hernandez	David Ryan
Closing Prayer	Don Easlon	Tom Sorenson
Lords Supper		Richard Siler
<u>Scripture Reading:</u>	<u>Larry May</u>	Communion
	Tommy Sorenson	(In Library)
	Jr. Munoz	
	Kirk McFarland	

**Other Responsibilities:** *Elder:* Larry May 638-3990 —*Deacon:* Jr. Munoz 212-2231 —*Pulpit:* Scot Straw 288-4533—*Table:* Richard Siler 556-2151 —*Song Leaders:* Larry May 638-3990—*Recording Sermons:* Craig Wesson 934-4646 — *Collections:* Richard Siler 556-2151

**Sunday AM**

*“Significance of Faith”*

*(Hebrews 3:12-19)*

**Sunday PM**

*“Attitude and Outlook of Unity”*

*(Ephesians 4:1-3)*

**Our Records**

*Bible Class... 58*

*Morning Worship...84*

*Evening Worship...49*

*Wednesday...63*

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