



QA: How Safe Are We In Worship? by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

QUESTION: How safe are we in Worship? - January 5, 2020

ANSWER: On **December 29, 2019**, during communion of the West Freeway church of Christ in White Settlement, **Texas**, a 43-year-old with a long-time criminal record, wearing a long coat, fake beard, a wig and hat, pulled out a short-barreled shotgun and killed one man, critically wounding another who died in hospital, and was himself shot and killed by a member of the church. This was over in 6 seconds, avoiding the possible slaughter of the other 242 attendees that day.

(1) **The State of Texas had made it legal to carry guns in church worship.**

The "outlaw" was illegally carrying a firearm in disregard for gun carrying law. The legally-carrying member saved hundreds of others with his swift action. **NO LAW ON PAPER STOPS LAW-BREAKERS!**

(2) **While Police seek a "motive" for the criminal's action, God has given one for the very first murder in history, and every one since.** Cain killed his brother, Abel (**Genesis 4:1-15**), and John wrote:

For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. (**1 John 3:11-12**)

After the flood in Noah's day, God decreed to all mankind:

Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man. (**Genesis 9:6**).

GOD'S JUDGMENT IS THAT ALL MURDERERS MUST DIE!

(3) **DON'T PRAY FOR THE SHOOTER:**

There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that. All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death. (**1 John 5:16-17**)

PRAYER IS USELESS FOR THOSE WHO ARE COMMITTED TO THE PRACTICE OF SIN "LEADING TO DEATH:

Therefore do not pray for this people, nor lift up a cry or prayer for them, nor make intercession to Me; for I will not hear you. (**Jeremiah 7:16**)

(4) **Solomon said,**

Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.
(**Ecclesiastes 8:11**)

(5) LEARNING THAT WORSHIP SERVICES ARE NOT GUN FREE ZONES WILL DETER ALL BUT THOSE WITHOUT CONSCIENCE, MORE THAN ALL THE "GUN LAWS" GOVERNMENT PASSES!

(6) **THE WEST FREEWAY CHURCH OF CHRIST HAD MADE WORSHIP AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE** FROM EVIL MEN. THAT EVIL MAN WILL NEVER DO THAT, AGAIN! THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST WILL CHANGE THE EVIL HEARTS OF THOSE WHO WILL REPENT (**ACTS 17:30-31**).

—-- *John T. Polk II, January 5, 2020*