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Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

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Ladies' Class: 10:00 a.m.

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Testimony from Old Cities

One of the greatest proofs of the inspiration of the Bible is found in the prophecies concerning the downfall of nations and cities many years before their fulfillment.

The science of Archaeology has made a great contribution to our understanding of many Biblical Truths, and in turn our faith has been greatly strengthened. Through the tablets and monuments that have been found, we learn of these great past civilizations.

The weeping prophet, Jeremiah, describes the downfall of Babylon in chapter fifty-one. "And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwelling-place for jackals, an astonishment, and a hissing, without inhabitant. They shall roar together like young lions; they shall growl as lions' whelps" (Jeremiah 51:37-38).

Today Babylon lies in heaps. Scattered over the country on both sides of the Euphrates are a number of great mounds, usually standing single, which are plainly of the same date with the great mass of ruins upon the river bank. For many years these mounds have been excavated by learned men from many countries, who have found ancient cylinders, bricks, seals used by kings, and inscriptions, which have thrown light upon the ancient Babylonians and the scripture references to them.

Ezekiel devotes three chapters to the downfall of Tyre. The prophet says that many nations would come up against her (26:3); she shall be as bare as a rock (26:4); fishermen would spread their nets there (26:5); she would be a spoil for the nations (26:5);

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"Testimony from Old Cities" Continues on Page 2… her daughters that are in the field shall be slain with the sword. Shalmanesar, King of Assyria, came against Tyre after he had taken Samaria in 721, but was unable to destroy the city. Nebuchadnezzar besieged the city for thirteen years. In 332 B.C. Tyre was attacked by the great conqueror Alexander the Great.

At the time of the Crusades it was still a flourishing city, when it surrendered to the "Christians" in 1124 A.D. It continued for more than a century, but was deserted by its inhabitants in 1291 A.D. upon the conquest of Acre (ancient Ptolemais) by the sultan of Egypt and Damascus. Its present condition is the fulfillment of Ezekiel's prophecy, that Tyre would be a place for the spreading of nets and as bare as the top of a rock. It is considered too insignificant to be a port of call for the ships that call at ports along the Mediterranean Sea. *—Richard Curry*



Observations About Self-Righteousness

The word "self-righteous" does not appear in scripture. The dictionary defines the word as "filled with a conviction of being morally superior to others; smugly virtuous." That attitude is certainly found and discussed in scripture. Jesus told a parable "to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt" (Luke 18:9; the NIV has "confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else"). In Luke 16, Jesus tells the Pharisees, "You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men" (15). Much of what Jesus says in Matthew 23 is devoted to confronting the scribes and Pharisees' feelings of moral superiority.

There are some common traits among the self-righteous. It is not a question of one's sincerity or conviction, but of how one behaves under the guise of either. None of us should want to fall into the category of the self-righteous.

First, the self-righteous often see others' failings, but not their own. Such a one could fill a book with what the other one is doing wrong, but spend very little time in meaningful self-examination (cf. 2 Cor. 13:5). Self-righteousness can display itself in constant criticism or hypercriticism of others. It is easier to pick apart the actions of others than to be self-aware. Yet, reminding ourselves that all sin will add humility to the way we handle their perceived faults and flaws.

Also, self-righteousness is not true righteousness. There is a big difference. True righteousness can be classified with goodness and truth (Eph. 5:9), but self-righteousness is neither good nor true. True righteousness is coupled with peace and joy, but self-righteousness works against both (Rom. 14:17). True righteousness can be mentioned in the same breath with self-control (Acts 24:25), but self-righteousness is often devoid of it. That is the irony of self-righteousness. It really is not righteous at all.

Further, self-righteousness is often a product of pride. It is often a byproduct of one elevating his or her judgments, opinions, and feelings to the level of law. ***Continues on Page 3…***





Bible Quiz: Matthew 27:62-66

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS ON PAGE 4 !

1. "On the next day, which followed the Day of __, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to __."
2. "Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that __ said, 'After __ days I will rise.'"
3. "Therefore command that the tomb be made __ until the __ day."
4. True or False: Pilate personally stationed Roman soldiers at the tomb.
5. "So they went and made the tomb secure, __ the __ and setting the guard."

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One's own preference can become what all should do. One's conviction can become the best or the only way. If we are not careful, conviction and preference can become self-righteousness.

God wants His people righteous. There is too much worldliness and embracing of sin among even children of God. This is unrighteousness and no one should aspire to that. Yet, let us be careful to place our trust in God's rather than our own righteousness. *—Neal Pollard*



Church of Christ 'Most American' Religious Movements, Historian Says

Speaking on a podcast called *Christian History Almanac*, historian Dr. Dan van Voorhis said he considers the churches of Christ to be "the most American of religious movements."

Dr. van Voorhis called the church of Christ "the group that most embodies the America spirit, more than any other…" He said the revolutionary language of the Founding Fathers of America was "all over the theology of the Stone-Campbell group," noting that the rejection of the creeds and confessions of denominationalism was analogous to the patriots' rejection of the overbearing rule by the King of England.

Isn't it interesting that a scholar recognizes that a group of people can be determined to free themselves from the bonds of human tradition and become subservient only to the word of God? While neither the patriots nor the Restorationists were inspired men, they all came to the realization that freedom of self-determination was an inherent right of man, given by God.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if all men and women would seek to be *genuinely* free in Christ? After all, Jesus warned us about "teaching as doctrines the commandments of men" (Matt. 15:9). Doing so leads to vain worship, He said. It also puts us under the rule of men, instead of God.

Let us be determined to remain in the true freedom of Christ, and throw away the traditions that add to or take away from His word. The Bible is enough (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3)!

—Matt Clifton



Brandi Beavers. Health concerns.

The Beavers Children. Health concerns.

Debbie Brooks. Health concerns.

Sibbie Byrd. Nursing home. Health concerns.

Lisha Cassell. In need of kidney transplant.

Dixie Clifton. Health concerns.

Drew Clifton. Need of prayer.

Greg Clifton. Dixie's son. Health concerns.

Tony Cockram. Upcoming GI surgery on Oct. 28.

Kaitlyn Donovant. Recovering from a car accident.

Trinity Harvey. Debbie's granddaughter. Recovering from a broken arm.

Tammy Ingram. Kitty's step-daughter. Health concerns.

Axel Keller. Health Concerns.

Rita Lawless. Health concerns.

Karen Lovell. Surgeries set for on Oct. 19th & 21st. Has to stay away from crowds to stay well before surgery.

Paul Mays. Health concerns.

Ruby Mason. Health concerns.

Carol Pace. Recovering at home.

Jaydan Patrick. Special needs.

Diana Smith. Alzheimer's Disease.

Tommy Stanley. Recovering from a car accident.

Sharon Teschendorf. Nursing home. Dementia.

Thomas Turner. Young child. Cancer.

Kyle & Madison Willis. Friends of Brad. Madison has a mass that is pushing on her aorta. Appointment Tuesday to find out details.

Caregivers.

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Church News



Oct. Birthday!

28TH KEVIN WYATT



Oct. Anniversaries

5TH BRAD & JORDYN NEWTON

14TH JONATHAN & BRANDI BEAVERS



Chili Cookoff!

Fall Dinner – Chili Cookoff on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 5pm in the fellowship hall. Everyone please bring your favorite chili, sides & desserts to share and come for a good time of fellowship and food.





Upcoming Ladies' Day

Westside CoC in Salem on October 17, 2026!



Men's Breakfast!

October 24! Join us at 9:00a.m. at Clarence's Steakhouse for food and fellowship.



Pizza-Movie Night

Our November Pizza & Movie Night will be on Saturday, November 7th! Pizza Supper at 5:00p.m. and movie starts at 5:30 p.m.



Holiday Dinner!

Mark your calendars for our Holiday Dinner! Sunday, November 29th following worship.



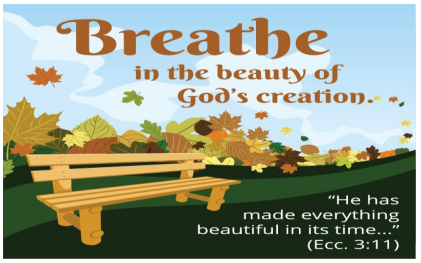
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