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# Mixing The Faith

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**O**n the occasion when Jesus invited the tax collector Levi (Matthew) to become His disciple, the scribes and Pharisees were offended, because Jesus attended a banquet given by Levi. Many tax collectors and others with a reputation as “sinners” were eating with Him. The scribes and Pharisees asked why Jesus ate with such people, perhaps implying that “birds of a feather flock together,” as an insult to Jesus. Jesus replied that He was not come to join sinners in participating in sin but was like the physician who ministers to those who are sick. Jesus said, “I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance” (Luke 5:32). Jesus was not as those who work among sinners but say nothing to call them to repentance.

Others asked, “Why do the disciples of John fast often and make prayers, and likewise those of the Pharisees, but Yours eat and drink?” (Luke 5:33). Fasting was an important part of the religion of first century Judaism. The Pharisees apparently fasted two days (Monday and Thursday) a week, as illustrated by Jesus’ parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector who went to the Temple to pray (Luke 18:12). The Law of Moses only mandated fasting on the day of Atonement (Lev. 16:29-34; 23:26-32; Num. 29:7-11). However, others fasted for specific

reasons, frequently reflecting the mourner’s mood (1 Kings 21:27; Joel 2:12-13; Isa. 58:5; Esth. 4:3; Dan. 9:3). Jesus did not condemn or mandate fasting, but explained that this was not the time for fasting, comparing His presence among the disciples to a bridegroom being present for a wedding. A wedding is not the time for fasting and mourning.

Speaking to the Jews, Jesus then said,

No one puts a piece from a new garment on an old one; otherwise the new makes a tear, and also the piece that was taken out of the new does not match the old. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved. And no one, having drunk old wine, immediately desires new; for he says, “The old is better” (Luke 5:36-39).

The parable deserves our attention. It calls our attention to several threats to the faith. Let’s look at it.

1. *The danger of syncretism.* Lest I use a word you might not be familiar with, “syncretism” is the combining of different beliefs. The parable uses two illustrations to make the point: (a) Using a new piece of cloth to repair a tear in an old garment; (b) Putting new wine in old wine skins. In the cloth illustration, the new material shrinks, creating a tear in the old garment; furthermore, the two pieces of cloth do not match. How well I know that. Mom’s patch on my old blue jeans never matched the color of the jeans (of course, this was back before kids were proud of the holes in their jeans). In the new wine in old wineskins illustration, the mixing of the two results in the destruction of both—the old wineskins are destroyed and the new wine spills on the ground.

In both of these illustrations, Jesus is emphasizing the danger of trying to mix first century Judaism with the gospel. It was a threat that continued from Jesus to the early days of the church. Some tried to compel Gentiles to be circumcised and observe the Law of

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CONNIE W. ADAMS

# Editorial Left- Overs

## **T** HANKS TO THOMAS KEESE

Thomas Keese of Valley Center, Kansas, has been a special benefactor to *Truth Magazine* and *Searching the Scriptures*. He has worked many hours to make the archives of both papers more accessible. This he has done without pay and for the satisfaction of returning good for the benefits he has received from both sources. He has also kept the directory of churches up to date (his son, Jacob, is now helping with this). He has also started making Guardian of Truth Foundation materials available on KINDLE. The first book he entered was my autobiography, *Echoes From the Nine Foot Road*. He has also completed the entire commentary on Luke by Colly Caldwell and is currently working on other materials.

For several years, brother Keese has been struggling with MS and his condition has gradually deteriorated to the point that he has little use of his hands and works at his computer with voice control. He is not able to attend all services at the Westside church in Wichita where he formerly taught classes, served as a deacon, and filled the pulpit on occasion. It is a blessing to count

him and his family among our dear friends. They are a worthy example of determination and faithful endurance in the face of trials. I just thought our readers should know a little more about Thomas and his family. Think about them when you access material from the web or from Kindle. Every one of us connected with the Guardian of Truth Foundation owes Thomas a huge debt of gratitude. We think those who benefit from these materials which he made more accessible do as well.

## **A UNIQUE CONGREGATION**

We have just completed our second meeting with the Pillar congregation in Wichita, Kansas where Jerry Blount preaches. This work began three years ago. "They have grown by converting some from denominationalism and by leading some out of institutional churches." They met at first in a store front building and soon became overcrowded. They were able to secure, just last summer, a very nice building which had been owned by a labor union. It will accommodate 200 or better in an assembly and has eleven excellent classrooms. Since the building was equipped with a kitchen, for which they have no use, they are turning that area into a baptistry.

During our recent meeting, the members brought twenty-eight non-members to the meeting, several of whom came several times. That did not count those who visited from area congregations. One of those visitors has been baptized since the meeting. Private studies are underway with others who visited the meeting. Jerry Blount and wife Teri, are among the best personal teachers we have ever known. They know both how to obtain such studies and how to conduct them. They have recently lost some members due to some corrective discipline and the church may have to cut back on their support for the preacher, making it necessary to obtain additional outside support. For more information, readers may contact Ron

Halbrook, Jim McDonald, or me. All three of us have worked in meetings here.

### IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Two dear friends and special servants of our Lord stand in need of our prayers. Elva Humphries, wife of John Humphries, is suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease and is now confined to a nursing home in Louisville. Because of other health problems, she has been limited to a wheel chair even before this diagnosis. John has also endured numerous health issues of his own. He is one of the preachers at Taylorsville Road in Louisville as well as serving as one of the elders. He has had a long life of service, including about thirty trips to India, besides his local work. He also authored the *Truth Commentary* on Jeremiah and Lamentations and was well along on a commentary on Isaiah when advancing health problems for Elva and himself slowed down that work. Elva has shown a remarkable spirit through her trials. Both of them would greatly appreciate the prayers of all faithful people on their behalf.

### "IS HE STILL PREACHING?"

My name came up some time ago in another state and a brother remarked, "I thought he would be dead by now. Is he actually still preaching?"

Well, as Mark Twain once said "The reports of my demise have been greatly exaggerated." And yes, I am still preaching. We have just finished our meetings for the year. They have taken us to Georgia, Tennessee, Missouri (twice), Ohio (twice), Kentucky, Nebraska, Kansas (twice), Oregon, and Texas. We are now home until next March. From mid-October until mid-March, I am preaching every Sunday at Caneyville, Kentucky. That is about 90 miles from our home. We leave early Sunday morning and return home about 9:30 that night. Caneyville is a small town just off the Western Kentucky Parkway between Leitchfield and Beaver Dam. Attendance

runs 90-100 usually. The church is served by two good elders. Working with us while he completes studies at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, is Ryan Cummings, a fine young man who plans to spend his life preaching the gospel. One of his goals is to have the New Testament committed to memory by the time he is 30. He is already well on his way. We continue to worship at Hebron Lane on Wednesday nights where I serve as a substitute teacher in an adult class taught by Ron Halbrook. He is gone much of the time.

The late A.C. Grider was asked, after he "retired" from local work, what he was doing to keep busy. He replied, "Well, I am preaching every Sunday in Indiana, teaching a Bible class and preaching on the radio, and teaching a Wednesday night class at Manslick Road in Louisville." The brother then asked, "What is the difference in that and local work?" Brother Grider quickly replied, "About \$300 a week."

I have not done local work for thirty-six years, but have found plenty to do in meeting work, winter classes, home studies, appointment preaching, and in writing. As long as we are able to go and someone is willing to listen, then that is how long we plan to stay on the trail. The Lord will decide where the trail ends. And, oh yes, if you should be in western Kentucky on a Sunday, stop in at Caneyville. We country folks will be plumb proud to see you.

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DAVID DANN

# Wrong Again!

**G**od instructed Israel concerning the distinction between true and false prophets, saying, “And if you say in your heart, ‘How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?’— when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him” (Deut. 18:21-22).

Harold Camping, president of Family Radio, gained notoriety several months ago for his failed prediction that Christ would come on May 21, 2011. In the days immediately following his failed prediction, Camping held fast to another prediction, saying, “We are not changing the dates at all. We are just looking at it a little more spiritually but it won’t be spiritual on Oct. 21 because the Bible teaches the world will be destroyed altogether. But it will be very quick” (<http://www.christianpost.com/news/harold-camping-concludes-silence-predicts-october-21-doomsday-50438/>).

Much like his failed prediction of May 21, Harold Camping’s prediction of a literal destruction of the world on October 21 has also proven false, thereby underscoring his reputation as a false prophet. In light of what the Bible teaches, it should come as no surprise that both predictions failed. Please consider the following:

**1. No one knows the day and the hour.** Jesus said, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My



words will by no means pass away. But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only” (Matt. 24:35-36). Just as God brought the physical heavens and earth into existence in the beginning, He will see to it that they pass out of existence in the end. However, it should be obvious from the Lord’s teaching on the subject that any man claiming to know the “day and the hour” upon which the heavens and earth will pass away is a man who is speaking lies and spreading harmful speculation.

**2. He will come like a thief in the night.** The apostle Paul wrote to the church in Thessalonica, saying, “But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night” (1 Thess. 5:1-2). Paul affirms the fact that there will be no visible warning signs leading to the end which one may use to make an accurate prediction. Peter further emphasized this point, saying, “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up” (2 Pet. 3:10).

**3. The last day will be both unexpected and unmistakable.** When the last day arrives none will be left to wonder whether or not it has come to pass. “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord” (1 Thess. 4:16-17). The second coming of Christ, the resurrection of all the dead, the destruction of the heavens and earth, and the final judgment are associated with the last day (cf. John 5:28-29; 6:39, 44-45; 12:48).

## CONCLUSION

The apostle Paul offers the following warning: “But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived” (2 Tim. 3:13). Failed predictions of the end should only strengthen the faith of those who believe the Bible. Trust in the word of God, and do not be deceived by the deceivers!



# Jesus Christ and Stress

**I** suppose we have always known that stress was bad for us in spite of the fact that some people seem to thrive on it, at least for a time. Although most of us have been subjected to stress at some time in our lives, we probably didn't understand the mechanisms of this silent killer.

An article in the *New England Journal of Medicine* by Dr. Eric Smith states a recent study reveals that a hormone manufactured during stress binds to receptors on lymphocytes or white blood cells and decreases the body's ability to fight disease. More and more researchers are emphasizing the importance of the body's natural immune system to prevent and combat all sorts of disease including cancer. It seems to me that is just what our *Lord* has been telling us all along. Since Jesus the Christ is the creator of our whole beings (Col. 1; Heb. 1) then who better than Jesus should offer the remedies necessary for us to live happy and contented lives. One of the principle teachings of our Lord is that we take "no thought for the morrow for... sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof" (Matt.6:34). Jesus has taught quite clearly these many years, precisely that which our modern day medical people are slowly beginning to realize — that even common every day worry and strain can be harmful not only to our spiritual stability but to the whole man.

It is now well understood by medical professionals that a positive mental attitude is important to good health. Again, our Lord taught that a positive faith that believes "all things work together for good for those who love the Lord" (Rom. 8:28) is imperative for one who seeks true happiness. It would now appear that the benefits of this divine principle of faith may be extended to our physical bodies by counteracting stress. But, didn't the disciples of Jesus really know that all along?

The medical professionals also emphasize counseling with one who is wiser and often say there is great value in just the telling or *unloading* of one's problems to a psychiatrist with a firm belief that he can somehow help. Now, they didn't just create this idea themselves — it's been around a long time; at least from the days of Adam and Enoch, who "walked (and talked) with God." So it is that the wisdom of Christ has provided us with an avenue of communications in prayer with the Father that we may lay all our "care upon Him, for He careth for you" (1 Pet. 5:7).

God has also provided His children with the family association that we may gain acceptance and comfort from those of like mind, that they may hold our hand and dry our tears in periods of pain and suffering. There are elements in our society today that are seeking to undermine and even destroy the family arrangement which Christ so wisely established. If they succeed in part, they shall pay the price in part, for these principles, including their consequences, seem to work whether one is a child of God or not.

Our Lord has ordained kind and gentle brethren to sympathize and aid us in times of distress. Paul found such brethren in all his travels wheresoever the Lord guided him. Man's innate desire for acceptance by his own peers, when he does well, finds its fulfillment many times in brethren who can and often do provide more adequate comfort and support than one's own family. The great physician has provided all of these things that we may overcome stress in our lives. It is up to us to lay hold on these great truths, take our "medicine" and become strong and sound in body and spirit as faithful children of God.

I am continually fascinated by the fact that the world is always "discovering" these divine principles and find to their utter amazement that they work perfectly. Still, those same principles have been available to the disciples of Jesus for 2,000 years. All of this does not mean that we are to be free from all pain and suffering, far from it. It does appear necessary for us to suffer even as Jesus suffered in order to "learn obedience" (Heb. 5:8) and be well pleasing to God; or perhaps, as some understand this to mean, Jesus learned how difficult obedience becomes for mankind.

Finally, to soothe stress within our hearts, we have the hope of eternal life after this mortal existence is over. There we may praise and worship God forever "worlds without end" for His great love and mercy shown to us.



NATHAN L. MORRISON

# Choose Like Moses!

**E**very generation faces its own challenges and moral choices that must be made. Both men and women choose their destinies in the physical and spiritual realms that will impact their eternal destinations. Those who seek after role models (especially the young) need to have the right ones. In today's "Politically Correct" (PC) world of immorality, it is especially necessary that the young have godly role models. Moses is a righteous example for all ages, and can serve as inspiration for the young facing similar choices in life.

Moses grew up in a hostile environment. His is an amazing story of faith and courage, especially for young people who are struggling to overcome our modernistic and atheistic society! His birth occurred during Egypt's oppression and enslavement of the Hebrew people. Hebrews 11:23 records that Moses' parents refused to let the Egyptians kill their son along with all the other newborn Hebrew boys and hid him for three months. This expression of their faith gives us a hint as to the kind of instruction Moses received from his mother during the first few years of his life in which she was allowed to raise him (Exod. 2:1-10). An ungodly environment, no matter how degenerate, need not destroy our children if we have faith, courage, and a strategy to combat it. What

Moses learned in his parents' home left a lifelong impression on him and influenced the rest of his life. Moses was in a hostile spiritual environment and yet he retained his spiritual priorities.

## MOSES' UPBRINGING

Acts 7:22 says, "Moses was educated in all the learning of the Egyptians, and he was a man of power in words and deeds." In the house of Pharaoh, Moses was highly educated in the wisdom of his day. The Egyptians were noted for their knowledge and worldly wisdom (1 Kings 4:30). Moses was taught by worldly men who did not know God and who scoffed at the idea of his God, Jehovah. They were polytheistic – they worshiped many gods. Moses was taught in this knowledge of false gods since man "worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator" (Rom. 1:21-25). Despite their teachings he grew to be a strong believer in God. In later years, he recorded the creation account in Genesis 1 and 2, as revealed by the Holy Spirit. Not only did his training place no emphasis on God, he would have been constantly faced with great pressure to compromise his morality. Ungodliness was encouraged in the king's court and morality ridiculed. Turning from God to idolatry leads to gross immorality, and the destruction of one's soul, both to those who commit and condone such practices (Rom. 1:26-32). Although educated in a system of science and religion, which neither acknowledged nor revered God, he remained true to God!

## OUR WORLD IN COMPARISON WITH MOSES' WORLD

In many ways, our world is not that different from his! These same three things (worldly wisdom, false knowledge, and moral corruption) are prevalent in our society. Our young people are growing up and battling head-to-head and heart-to-heart with:

**Humanism** – The belief that man is not created but is produced by evolution and is no better than animals, and must rely upon one's own powers.



**Atheism** – The existence of God is denied (Pss. 14:1; 36:1-4). This means there is no one to whom I answer except myself, and that attitude always degenerates (Judg. 21:25). No atheistic society has ever been a righteous society!

**Evolution** – Once God is taken out of the picture, man attempts to explain the existence of life with things which require more faith than creation: Matter is eternal, life spontaneously arose out of non-living matter, and one kind evolved into completely different kinds of life.

**Situation Ethics** – Young people are being taught in school, on television, and in many books, that there is no absolute standard of right and wrong. With no absolutes in truth and morality, they will have to decide what is right for them to do, and no one else can decide for them. That philosophy is disastrous. Look at what it did to Israel in the time of the Judges. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes (Judg. 21:25).

Like Moses, our children are growing up in a hostile environment. They need the faith, courage and strategies of their parents to help them prepare for these challenges. Once on their own and confronted with the reality of the world, they must make a choice. We hope and pray they choose as Moses did!

## MOSES' DECISION

The time will come for our children (as it did for us) to choose the path they will take in life. Perhaps it is when they leave their parents' home for college, or for a job. I remember, as I began going to college, a woman from services told me and my brother, "Choose like Moses." What was Moses' decision? The time came in Moses' life when he had to make a choice: Would he be counted with his people, or would he remain in the household of Pharaoh?

He faced the decision of slavery or royalty. There is a price to be paid for commitment and doing the right thing. Even Jesus paid the price of obedience (Heb. 5:8-9). With nothing to gain and everything to lose, Moses descended from the loftiest throne in the world to be among God's chosen people (Heb. 11:24-26). Many would have tried to retain the proud position and try

to somehow ease the burden of their enslaved brethren.

He faced the decision of pain or pleasure. The choice was his to continue enjoying the luxuries that only the king's court could provide for him, along with the opportunity to engage in any and every sin that he found desirable with no reprisals, or the opportunity to suffer affliction with his people because he was a Hebrew (Heb. 11:25). Moses made the decision to do what was right, *because* it was right! Whatever consequences followed were immaterial! For the young, that is the way you will need to make your choices!

He faced the decision of earthly reward or eternal reward. Why did Moses make this difficult decision? What swayed him? He was already a rich man. From his childhood he had everything a man could want, and what most only dreamed of having. Moses saw beyond the temporary and the material (Heb. 11:26). He saw a God who offered him more than Egypt could (Heb. 11:27). We too must see beyond this world and that which is fleeting to that which lasts in the world beyond (Rom. 8:18; 2 Cor. 4:16-18)!

Moses grew strong as a young man, undoubtedly gaining favor of those around him, but he was always different. In a hostile environment (much like our own), he kept his perspective and stood firm in his resolve of faith. Humanistic, atheistic, and "New Age" thinking are dangerous influences on young people today. As Moses has demonstrated, one can keep the right perspective in the midst of such a hostile environment to the truth. In fact, as Christians we are commanded to be "*children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation*" (Phil. 2:15). When faced with his destiny, Moses chose the spiritual path with eternal rewards that outweighed the physical. You can remain loyal to God, because the same God who gave Moses the strength to overcome is your God too (Luke 18:26-27; Phil. 4:13). Parents: Remember Moses' upbringing began in the home with his parents! Young people: Be wise decision-makers. Choose as Moses did!

MATT ADAMS

# Wake Up Christians

**A**t a time like this in our country, we hear all sorts of doom and gloom and horrible scenarios, and it is easy for us to get down and lose our focus if we listen to it long enough. But, I am happy to say that I have realized that this sort of “news” is not something that should really bother me. My reason is the same as many other Christians. The Lord has carried me through some very rough times in my life and I, as a result, came out better for it spiritually—notice I said “spiritually” not financially—so why should I doubt He will do the same even now? We as Christians have all been through some rough times in our lives, some maybe more than others, but rough nonetheless. So why should it matter to us what the latest news story reads, or what the prediction from Washington or the number on Wall Street might be, or what our friend in the next cubicle thinks about this “disastrous situation”? With this attitude like the world, have we, as Christians, totally lost it? Have we forgotten what this life is all about? This is a wake-up call, friends. We have a golden opportunity right here, right now, to show the world what we as Christians are all about (Matt. 5:13-16; 2 Pet.3:9). The world should see us as a bright shining light in the midst of trouble, fear, and doubt.

One clear realization is this: we have no choice in the timing of our life. This is it. Our time on this Earth is right now. After we go on, someone else will have his time and his own unique experiences on this earth, and the problems in the world will continue (Eccl. 1:3-11).

So realizing this led me to ask myself a couple of questions, and you may answer them for yourself. What am I doing with my time? Am I casting in my lot with the depressed world, or is my focus on something much greater? The world specializes in doom and gloom, the Christian does not (Matt. 5:14; 6:24). So let's leave that attitude to them. They seem to really have it down to a science. But as for you and me, the Christian is about seeking the things which are above, not the things here below. So, if our market crashes and we all live in poverty, how do we answer the following: Am I still living as a Christian? Am I still faithful? Am I shining my light in the midst of troubled times as well as in good? Do I think Job and the early Church really had it any easier?

Lest we lose our focus and think we know better than God, read Job 38-40 first and see how God answers Job. The conclusion is this: God is in control who are we to question Him, and what are we really even worried about?

Again, this is the time right now that the world should be able to clearly see a difference between us and them. In the midst of all sorts of bad news, indecision, uncertainty, and the fate of our country in the balance, Christians can show the way. We can bring others to Christ and lead them in looking far beyond this world and this life unto unimaginable eternal riches in the hereafter. We can show the world what hope really is and give them a tangible lesson and example of what true faith is (Heb. 11:1, 6).

Here is a quick history lesson. Think back through time and look at how the Lord cared for His own. When the children of Israel were serving Him faithfully, did they go lacking? No. When Spiritual Israel (the Church) is serving Him faithfully today, will we go lacking? No. The Lord always has always cared for His

people and He has preserved a remnant of those, His people, throughout all history and they have withstood the test of time. They've weathered the storms of life in every generation, some more than others, and have gone on to their reward. God's people have lasted through a world that has had massive genocides, pestilence, famines, financial crises, centuries of war, extreme persecutions, nations rising, nations falling, government corruption, through communism, through socialism, through monarchies, through anarchy, through democracies and republics, and intense oppression from every side (Phil. 4:11-13; Heb. 11). Perhaps just not so much of this has been in our country as in around the world, but still even today, Christians still press on and they prevailed.

Have we gotten so spoiled and blind in this country that we have forgotten whom we serve and just exactly what He is capable of? Why should it shake our faith because of what happens in this land? Why should we be just like everyone else and act as if the world is coming to an end and be completely deprived of hope? We, of all people, are the ones who have any hope and peace at all (Phil. 4:6-7). Why? Because we are *not* storing our treasures here upon the Earth, we are storing our treasures in Heaven!

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Matt. 6:19-21).

Let us keep this in mind and learn from the lesson of the rich man:

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of

you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God" (Luke 12:16-21).

Pick your head up, Christian, for you wear the name of the risen Savior of the world, and you are a citizen of a kingdom which will *never* fail. The Lord sent His Son to die on the cross for our sins and we have been redeemed. There is no time for nonsense! You have an inheritance from the Almighty Ruler and Creator of this entire Universe, so lift yourself up! Let us not forget the lesson of Elijah (1 Kings 19), who after the Lord had used him to defeat the 450 prophets of Baal, became scared of the queen and went and hid himself in a cave, afraid and discouraged because they sought his life. He thought it was over and that everyone had bowed the knee to Baal but him. The Lord told him to lift himself up and go, for there were 7,000 who had not bowed the knee to Baal and he was to go to them. Brethren, let us learn from this and pick ourselves up and be about our Lord's work. Let us not bend to the pressures around us, for there are still souls in this world that are lost and are searching for a Savior. We cannot hold back the beautiful message of our Lord and Savior for fear of what the world might say or think.

Consider Luke 12:4-5: "And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!"

This world is looking for the answers—will they ask you and me? The world seeks a Savior—can they ask you and me how to find Him? The world wants to ask about the hope that resides within these people who call themselves "Christians," after the Holy Son of God—can they identify us as one of His?

My message is simply this: we cannot let another moment pass us by feeling sorry for ourselves and in effect let our faith die when there are much greater things in this life that are at stake, that being the lost souls of mankind. It

will be our duty in prosperous times, as well as in the worst of times to sow the seed. Matthew 28:18-20 had no exceptions in it. There are no amendments, no repeals to the Bible. We have no excuse not to be about the Lord's work. We Christians don't throw in the towel when the cares and trials of this life surround us, because we are in the Lord's army (Eph. 6:10-18) and when trouble arises we bear down, we press on, and we pray harder (Phil. 3:12-14; 1 Cor. 9:24-25).

Keep this verse in mind when speaking with friends and associates about what goes on in our life, and remember where we put our faith:

And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? If you then are not able to do the least, why are you anxious for the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith? And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you (Luke 12:25-31).

Our burdens in this life are not more than we can bear, the temptations in this life are not too strong for us to handle, the Lord will see us through if we are faithful to Him. But let us be aware, let us be wise, and may we all keep ourselves in constant check (2 Tim. 2:15) with regard to God's word.

Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it (1 Cor. 10:12-13).

We have our brethren and, above all, Christ to help us along in this life and we

cannot reject His invitation to us all:

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light (Matt. 10:28-30).

We don't know how much longer we have to do the Lord's work, so let's all get busy.

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that" (James 4:13-15).

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58).

I will end with one of my favorite Hymns, and may we all keep singing it throughout what life we have left, to remind us of home (Rev. 21:21-27; 22:12-14, 20). And oh how blessed we are that this life is not it!!



**"This World Is Not My Home"**

This world is not my home, I'm just a'passin' through.  
My treasures are laid up, somewhere beyond the blue.  
The angels beckon me from Heaven's open door  
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore.

They're all expecting me and that's one thing I know.  
My Savior pardoned me and now I onward go.  
I know He'll take me through, though I am weak and poor.  
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore.

Just up in Glory Land we'll live eternally.  
The Saints on every hand are shouting victory.  
Their song of sweetest praise drifts back from Heaven's shore  
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore.

**Chorus**

O Lord you know I have no friend like you  
If Heaven's not my home, then Lord what will I do?  
The angels beckon me from Heaven's open door  
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore.



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# “From Heaven or Men”

**T**wice during Jesus’ ministry, He drove people out of the temple who were using it to make money (Mark 11:15-17; John 2:13-16). The Jewish leaders were angry with Jesus for His actions (Mark 11:18). They decided to challenge Him (v. 27).

By what authority are you doing these things, or who gave you this authority to do these things? (Mark 11:28)

Why did they feel it was necessary for Jesus to have authority for what He was doing? In the first major point of *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis helps us discover the answer. He calls his readers to recognize the existence of a moral law of nature (1-8). All rational humans agree, at least in a few areas, that all humans *ought* to do or not do certain things. For example, most would agree that a person cannot simply take something that is not his. Since there is no other rational explanation for its existence, this moral law within us is one of the great evidences for the Creator. If there is no such moral law, anything, from theft to mass genocide can be justified on the basis of one’s personal opinions. If there is no “ought” then everything is acceptable! Of course, this would lead to chaos.

As much as we understand the need for law to prevent chaos, we understand the need for authority. If there is no one I must answer to then laws mean nothing and, therefore, I can do what I want. However, if someone has authority over me, I am under obligation to obey his laws or rules. This is true as citizens of an earthly nation and as citizens of God’s Kingdom. If God has authority over us, we have no right to do what we want in religious practice. The Jewish leaders understood this and it is the basis for their challenge to Jesus. However, they did not realize their question would trap *them* instead of Jesus.

Jesus was in perfect agreement about the need for authority in religious practice. So, He said He would tell them where His authority was from if the Jewish leaders would tell Him where John the Baptist received his authority from: “heaven” or “men” (Mark 11:29-30)? Did they begin to compare what they knew about John and his work with the revealed will of God (the Scriptures)? No, they were simply interested in which answer would be to their best benefit (vv. 31-32). They decided saying “yes” or “no” would not turn out well so they said, “We do not know” (v. 33). Jesus replied, “Nor will I tell you by what authority I do these things” (v. 33).

Jesus’ answer implies *they did know* where John’s authority was from but simply would not answer! People will appeal to the law of morality and authority as long as it benefits them but will ignore it or downplay its importance if it goes against their opinions or desires. There was no point for Jesus to answer their question because they were dishonest.

The amazing thing about all of this is that Jesus had answered their question before they ever challenged Him. He gave two reasons for driving the people out of the temple: (1) They were immoral in their business practices (“robbers’ den”) and, more importantly, (2) God had never authorized such a use for the temple (Mark 11:17). It was to be used for specific spiritual purposes (“house of prayer”) and nothing else. Jesus was ready with Scripture to support His claims and actions (Isa. 56:7; Jer. 7:11).

Are we like these Jewish leaders? Do we claim to recognize and submit to God’s authority only to try to get around it when we are discussing things that we *feel* strongly about? Do we understand that Jesus’ question of the source of authority (“heaven” or “men”) is actually a question of allegiance? If we refuse to do anything without God’s authority, it is clear we are seeking only to please Him. However, if we cannot find authority for what we do in the Word “breathed out” by God (2 Tim. 3:16), who can we be trying to please but ourselves?

If we would follow Jesus, we must: (1) **Commit** to believe and obey His Word no matter the consequences or how we or others feel about it. (2) **Study** His Word diligently so that we know what we should believe and obey. (3) **Take action** against sin by showing others where they err in the Word of God. “One who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin” (Jas. 4:17).

# Questions & Answers



## Question:

***If someone responds to the gospel who you know is in adultery, should you baptize the person? If the person is baptized, what happens then?***

## Answer:

This question concerns a matter about which brethren differ, but this writer can speak only from his own vantage-point, based on his understanding and conscience in this matter. It is clear in the question that the adultery of the respondent to the invitation of Christ is known. What should one do in such a case?

A simple way to approach the matter is to ask what we would do if we knew the respondent were involved in some other sinful activity, e.g. drinking, fornication, gossip, nudism, etc. Probably none of us would refuse to baptise the person in such a situation, if we believed the person determined to repent of the sin which we knew to have been a problem, would we? Likewise we would willingly baptize him if we believed him repenting of his sin of adultery. The main difference in this case and those other cases is that a marital relationship established in civil procedure must be terminated in the case of adultery, for the sin to be stopped and forgiven. In those other cases, stopping the sin (drinking, gossip, fornication) is imperative for them to be forgiven, but no established civil relation is involved.

Stopping the sin is widely acknowledged to be necessary for repentance to take place in most instances, but adulterous cases sometimes are the exception in the minds of some brethren. Some contend that the relationship suddenly becomes acceptable upon one's baptism. I ask, "Why is that the case?" Does not sin always have to cease for

true repentance to exist? The very meaning of the word "repent" (metaneo) suggests a change of the mind/understanding. The change of mind is the predecessor to a change of the conduct; otherwise, the fruit of repentance is not seen. Both John the Immerser and Paul tell us that fruit accompanies repentance (Matt. 3:8; Acts 26:20).

Some would baptize the respondent in our question and seek to teach him of his sin later. Why, if the sin is known at the time of the baptism? Learning about the sin later makes it understandable that such teaching would then take place, but known sin needs to be dealt with so the sinner can receive remission from Christ. Why leave this matter unattended, only to deal with it later. Some would reply that such teaching is more easily accepted by one already committed to Christ. The strength of this reason is conceded, but the commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ comes before baptism. Show him what Christ taught about adultery before his baptism so he can be fully penitent! A refusal to repent of adultery after teaching which follows his baptism is as predictable as refusal before baptism. Why not give the sinner the opportunity to repent while his faith/commitment is strongest, just before baptism, so that repentance also can be clear and complete? He will be unable later to understand why you failed to teach him about his sin, but permitted him to linger in it.



RON HALBROOK

# Early Christians Speak Concerning Assembling

**T**he early saints speak to us in both word and deed regarding their assemblies. Their narrative is rich with lessons for us today, if only we have hearts to hear. Let us review and reflect upon the record of their meetings in the first century, and a few additional references by writers in the years which followed.

## AT THE BEGINNING

We learn many valuable lessons from the record of saints assembling in the book of Acts. In addition to meeting to eat the Lord's Supper every Sunday (Acts 20:7), the early saints met on occasions which included special prayers (4:23, 31, 29; 12:5), discipline of unruly members (5:11), solving conflicts among saints (6:1-7), deciding whether to receive professed brethren (9:26, 28), lamentation over the faithful dead (8:2), special teaching sessions (11:26), examining the appropriateness of preachers' activities (11:1-18; see v. 18), sending out preachers (13:1-3), hearing reports by preachers (14:27), public debates with false teachers (15:1-21), informing brethren about truth and error on current issues (15:22-35), reviewing past labors to draw lessons

(20:17-38), and farewell meetings (20:37-38; 21:3-5). Similar meetings are referred to directly and indirectly in the remaining books of the New Testament.

## ASSEMBLIES AFTER THE FIRST CENTURY

The record of Christians assembling in the second and third centuries looks very much like the first century. Regular meetings on the first day of the week or Sunday are prominently discussed. The *Didache*, meaning "The Teaching (of the Twelve Apostles)," written about A.D. 100 in Syria, speaks of Christians meeting "each Lord's day" for worship (14:1; quoted in Everett Ferguson, *Early Christians Speak* [Austin, TX: Sweet Publ. Co., 1971]:67). Ignatius, martyred A.D. 117, speaks of those who embrace the new hope "no longer observing the Sabbath but living according to the Lord's Day," the day He arose ("The Epistle to the Magnesians," Shorter Version, IX; <http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/text/ignatius-magnesians-roberts.html>; accessed 3-8-2011).

Justin Martyr (A.D. 100-165) writing about A.D. 145 explained that Christians gather to worship on the day after Saturday, on the day the risen Savior "appeared to his apostles":

We are always together with one another. And for all the things with which we are supplied we bless the Maker of all through his Son Jesus Christ and through his Holy Spirit. And on the day called Sunday there is a gathering together in the same place of all who live in a city or a rural district. . . . We all make our assembly in common on the day of the

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Sun, since it is the first day, on which God changed the darkness and matter and made the world, and Jesus Christ our Savior arose from the dead on the same day. For they crucified him on the day before Saturn's day, and on the day after (which is the day of the Sun) he appeared to his apostles and taught his disciples these things (*Apology I*, 67:1-3, 7, quoted in Ferguson, 67-68).

A number of early Christians began to speak of the first day of the week as "the eighth day," i.e., the next day after the Sabbath. "The Epistle of Barnabas," a tract written about A.D. 130, spoke of God removing the Sabbath observance in order to make the eighth day "the beginning of another world." "Wherefore also we keep the eighth day for rejoicing, in the which also Jesus rose from the dead, and having been manifested ascended into the heavens" ("The Epistle of Barnabas," 15:8-9; translated by J.B. Lightfoot, <http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/text/barnabas-lightfoot.html>, accessed 3-8-2011).

Tertullian (A.D. 160-220) noted in A.D. 197 that critics "suppose that the sun is the god of the Christians" because of their observance of that day, but he retorted, "You who reproach us with the sun and Sunday should consider your proximity to us. We are not far off from your Saturn and your days of rest" (i.e., both pagans and Jews worshiped on Saturday which is near Sunday!) (*Ad Nationes*, 1:13; transl. by Dr. Holmes; <http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/text/tertullian06.html>; accessed 3-8-2011).

Bardesanes (A.D. 154-222) emphasized one name and one day were unique to Christians: "Wherever we

are, we are all called after the one name of Christ – Christians. On one day, the first of the week, we assemble ourselves together" (*On Fate*, Ferguson, p. 69).

## WORSHIP AND GODLY LIVING

Unbelievers as well as believers have left descriptions of the conduct and worship of the saints. Pliny, Roman Governor of the Province of Bithynia, wrote to Emperor Trajan in A.D. 112 asking advice on how to deal with Christians. Pliny complained that "the contagion of this superstition has spread not only to the cities but also to the villages and farms" so much so that "many persons of every age, every rank, and also of both sexes" were involved. He devised the following test to clearly identify who were and who were not truly Christians: He offered to release them "when they invoked the gods in words dictated by me, offered prayer with incense and wine to your image, which I had ordered to be brought for this purpose together with statues of the gods, and moreover cursed Christ – none of which those who are really Christians, it is said, can be forced to do." In spite of all investigative methods including torture he learned "that the sum and substance of their fault or error had been that they were accustomed to meet on a fixed day before dawn and sing responsively a hymn to Christ as to a god, and to bind themselves by oath, not to some crime, but not to commit fraud, theft, or adultery, not falsify their trust, nor to refuse to return a trust when called upon to do so" ("Pliny the Younger to the Emperor Trajan," *Letters* 10.96-97; <http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/text/pliny.html>; accessed 3-8-2011).

The Didache admonished, "And on the Lord's own day gather yourselves together and break bread and give thanks, first confessing your transgressions, that your sacrifice may be pure. And let no man, having his dispute with his fellow, join your assembly until they have been reconciled, that your sacrifice may not be defiled" (14:1-2, in *Apostolic*

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*Fathers*, J.B. Lightfoot, transl. & ed.; <http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/text/didache-lightfoot.html>; accessed 3-8-2011). Justin elaborates, “And on the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits.” This was followed by a sermon exhorting everyone to apply the Scriptures in their lives. “Then we all rise together and pray,” and the Lord’s Supper was observed (Apology I.67; <http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/text/justinmartyr-firstapology.html>; accessed 3-8-2011). This memorial should be received only by “the man who believes that the things which we teach are true, and who has been washed with the washing that is for the remission of sins, and unto regeneration, and who is so living as Christ has enjoined.” Justin further explained,

For the apostles, in the memoirs composed by them, which are called Gospels, have thus delivered unto us what was enjoined upon them; that Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, said, “This do ye in remembrance of Me, this is My body”; and that, after the same manner, having taken the cup and given thanks, He said, “This is My blood”; and gave it to them alone (Apology I.66).

As prayers of thanksgiving go up for this memorial feast, “the people assent, saying, ‘Amen’” (I.67).

## SERMONS BASED ON SACRED SCRIPTURE

The Scriptures were treated as sacred in these services and sermons emphasized the necessity of serious and sincere application. About A.D. 200 Tertullian said that “we assemble to read our sacred writings,” and “with the sacred words we nourish our faith” and urge proper conduct by inculcating “God’s precepts.”

In the same place also exhortations are made, rebukes and sacred censures are administered.

For with a great gravity is the work of judging carried on among us, as befits those who feel assured that they are in the sight of God; and you have the most notable example of judgment to come when any one has sinned so grievously as to require his severance from us in prayer, in the congregation and in all sacred intercourse. The tried men of our elders preside over us, obtaining that honour not by purchase, but by established character (Apology, XXXIX; transl. by S. Thelwall; <http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/text/ter tullian01.html>; accessed 3-8-2011).

In other words, the proclamation of truth was reinforced by the practice of discipline under the oversight of godly elders.

Having surveyed sermons of the second through the fourth centuries, Everett Ferguson observes, “The preaching was based on the Scriptures read in the assembly... Early Christian preaching seems to have been predominantly expository” (Ferguson, 87). For instance, Clement of Alexandria’s “Who Is the Rich Man that Will Be Saved?” discussed and applied Mark 10:17-31, “directing the text against attachment to wealth but not against the possession of wealth” (Ferguson, 88). Many sermons preceded by readings on the Exodus focus on the Passover as a type of the death of Christ.

## MEETINGS ON MANY OCCASIONS

Like first-century saints, Christians in the second and third centuries met on many occasions, not limited to the first day of the week. The Didache admonished study of God’s Word “day by day,” but the average person depended on public reading, not having his own copy of the Bible, and therefore the Didache urged “ye shall gather yourselves together frequently, seeking what is fitting for your souls” (4:3; 16:4; <http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/text/didache-lightfoot.html>; accessed 3-8-2011).

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Ignatius said, “Do your diligence therefore to meet together more frequently for thanksgiving to God and for His glory. For when ye meet together frequently, the powers of Satan are cast down; and his mischief cometh to nought in the concord of your faith” (“To the Ephesians,” XIII.1, in *Apostolic Fathers*, Lightfoot & Harmer, 1891 transl.; <http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/text/ignatius-ephesians-lightfoot.html>; accessed 3-8-2011). Hippolytus (A.D. 170-236) urged saints preparing for work each day to first consider whether there may be an assembly for Bible instruction and prayer on that day. “If there is a teacher there, let none of you be late in arriving at the assembly at the place where they give instruction.” “And if there is a day on which there is no instruction,” he advises each Christian to have his own devotions at home (*Apostolic Tradition XXXV*; Ferguson, 70).

In a series of general exhortations, Ignatius wrote to Polycarp, “Let your assembling together be of frequent occurrence: seek after all by name” (*Epistle To Polycarp IV*; <http://www.ccel.org/ccel/schaff/anf01.v.viii.iv.html>; accessed 3-9-2011). In other words, he encouraged frequent assemblies and that all brethren individually should be admonished to attend all of these assemblies in order to strengthen their faith.

Brethren met in homes, in open places, or wherever they could. Sometimes a wealthy Christian would construct a room on his house for assemblies. It is rare to find references to buildings built especially as meeting places until the time of Emperor Constantine who recognized Christianity as legal in the Edict of Milan of A.D. 313. Before that time period persecutions often prevented Christians from conducting open services and resulted in the confiscation or destruction of houses in which worship was conducted. They were accused of treason and atheism for refusing to worship the emperors. Constantine did not find Christians worshipping on the Sabbath and suddenly make

a law to force them to worship on Sunday, as claimed by the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, but he simply legalized their worship.

### CONCLUSION: WHAT CAN WE LEARN?

Many early Christians were very devout in worship, pure in life, and sacrificial in taking time for regular worship and additional meetings on various occasions. It is also true that others fell away, some recanted their faith rather than face persecution, and still others were lukewarm. So it has been from the beginning of the church. Each of us would do well to reflect on his own faith and life.

Can we imagine these early saints whining about all their various assemblies? “Well, I might ‘have’ to come on Sunday, but no one can prove I ‘have’ to meet to pray for persecuted saints, or to settle problems involving friction, or to witness discipline of wayward members, or to weep and pray over deceased saints, or to sit through a debate, or to attend Bible classes.” Can we imagine the first Jerusalem saints complaining to the Apostles about “daily” meetings for instruction which were conducted for a time (Acts 2:46)? Can we imagine Hippolytus’ brethren complaining about his admonition to attend meetings each day before work, and if there are no meetings to conduct family devotions? Can we imagine telling Stephen or Polycarp, “It is hard enough to attend on Sunday. Don’t you fellows know I get tired at work and my children are busy with school activities and sports events? We just don’t have time for gospel meetings, mid-week classes, debates, singings, prayer meetings, and all the rest.” “Anyway, all these other meetings are just somebody’s tradition and I don’t see the need for them.”

Truly, there are great lessons to learn from the early records of our brethren’s assemblies.

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*This lone column is all that is left of the ancient Temple of Aphrodite or Diana, which is located in a marsh area northeast of the city and between the city and the sea. It was one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world.*



to relocate it between the two hills Panayir Dagħ and Blbl Dagħ. He enclosed the city within an impressive wall. During the Roman period, Ephesus was not completely loyal to the empire and paid a heavy price for aligning itself with Mithridates, king of Pontus. Antony and Cleopatra visited the city in the winter of 33-32 B.C. Eventually, Ephesus became the

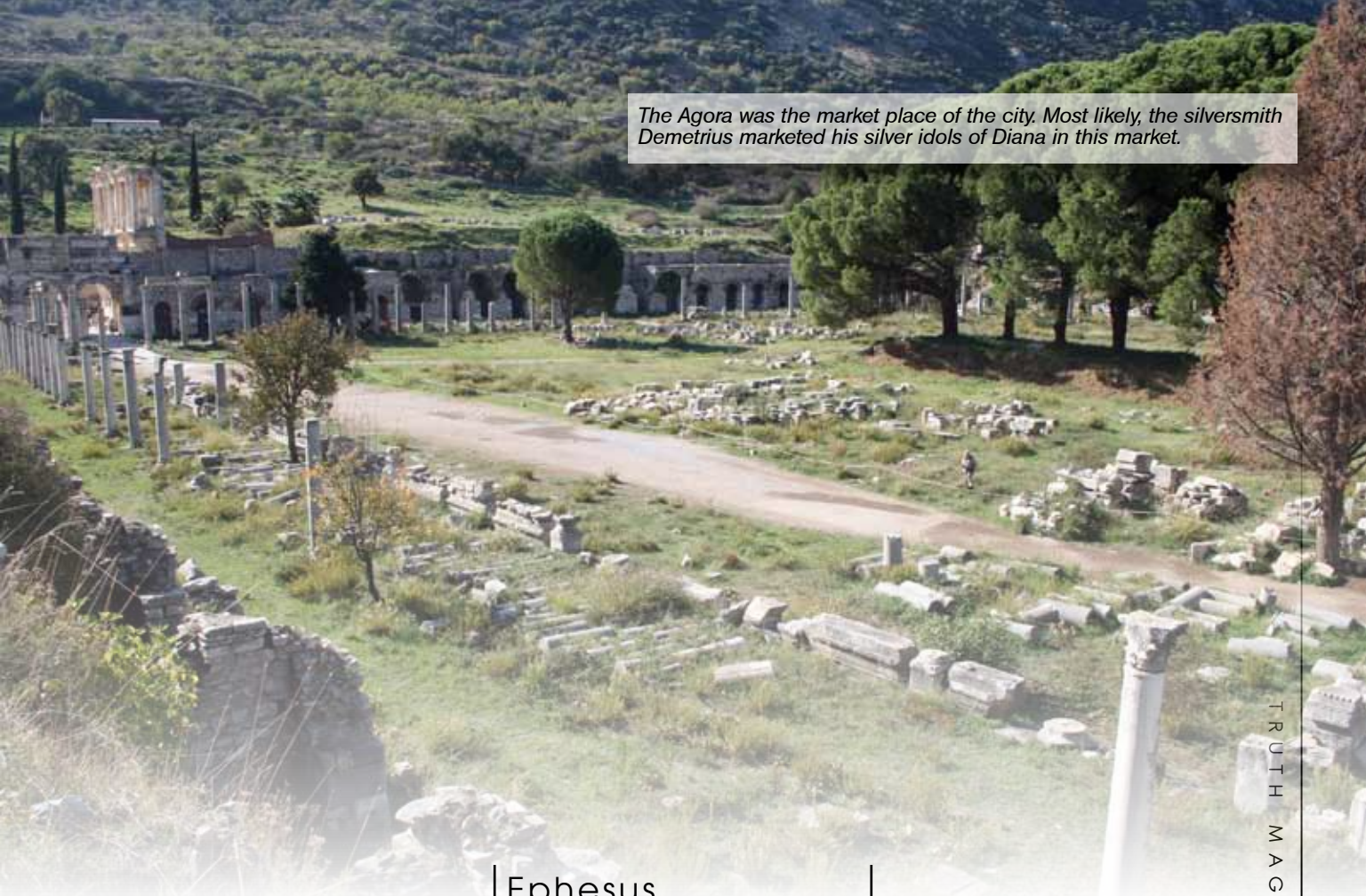
# Ephesus

**E**phesus is located on the western coast of Asia on the Aegean Sea at the mouth of the Cayster River. The town is now known as Seluk. The city dates back to the fifteenth century B.C. Despite the fact that river deposits silted into the harbor, dredging kept the harbor open during the years of Paul's ministry there. Today the silting has filled the harbor to such a degree that the city is five kilometers (three miles) inland. Though Ephesus was no doubt living off its reputation from the past, the city was still a prosperous and vibrant city in New Testament times. William Ramsay believes that there is an allusion to Ephesus' moving away from the harbor in the John's statement that Christ will move his candlestick out of the church of Ephesus (Rev. 2:5).

The city was established by Greek migrations to Ionia. During its early years, it was influenced by all of the major political movements. In the Persian period, the city enjoyed better relations with the Persians than other Ionian cities. Alexander the Great's expansion of the the Grecian kingdom brought Anatolia under his control. After his death, Lysimachus (ca. 290 B.C.) involved the city in several conflicts. He moved the city from its original location



*Image of the fertility goddess Diana.*



The Agora was the market place of the city. Most likely, the silversmith Demetrius marketed his silver idols of Diana in this market.

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capital of the province of Asia and received the title, “First and Greatest Metropolis of Asia.”

The excavations of Ephesus began in 1863-74 under the guidance of John T. Wood. Among other things, Wood was able to locate the Temple to Artemis. The great temple of Artemis (Diana) was located in Asia. As the sea gradually retreated towards the west, the Temple of Diana became a sanctuary in the plain between the city and the sea. It is located about 1.5 miles northeast of the city in what is presently a marsh. Most scholars believe that the “image which fell down from Jupiter” (Acts 19:35) was probably a meteorite that landed there. E.M. Blaiklock writes, “Charles Seltman, it may be noted, advances with some plausibility the thesis that a curious stone object, at present in the Liverpool City Museum is actually this cult object—perhaps a piece of meteoric stone” (1983, 181). Whether or not that specific object has been located, the worship of Artemis (Diana) is well known. Artemis was a fertility goddess honored throughout all of Asia (Acts 19:27), with a well-known temple in her honor located in Ephesus, no doubt because

of the meteorite fallen nearby. William Ramsay writes,

Not only was Ephesus the greatest trading city of the Province Asia, and also of all Asia north of Tarsus (as Strabo says); it derived further a certain religious authority in the whole Province from the Great Goddess Artemis. The Ephesian Artemis was recognized, even in the first century after Christ, as in some sense a deity of the whole Province Asia (229).

Other temples include the Temple to Hestia, Temple of Serapis (Egyptian god), Sanctuary of Zeus and Mother Goddess. The city was also known as a location where were built several shrines to the cult of the emperors. A temple for Domitian and Titus was erected there (Anton Bammer, *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Archaeology in the Near East*, II:254). A colossal statue of Domitian has been found which was probably a part of that temple. Other archaeological remains in Ephesus include:



*The theater at Ephesus where Demetrius instigated the mob to cry, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians." The disturbance resulted in Paul leaving the city.*

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- The library of Celsus Polemaeanus was erected in Ephesus in A.D. 117.
- Important private dwellings have been located. One is a peristyle residence that probably belonged to the proconsul of the city. Two insula have been located.
- Six gymnasiums and baths have been located.
- Three aqueducts have been found, one of which was partially paid for by Augustus.

The city of Ephesus appears in connection with Paul's second and third missionary journeys. Paul stopped at Ephesus on his way toward Antioch of Syria at the end of his second journey (Acts 18:19-21) and then returned to work there for three years (Acts 20:31) on his third journey (Acts 19). There he worked with Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18:24-28) and taught for a limited time in the synagogue. Later he separated himself from the Jews and taught in the school of Tyrannus (Acts 19:8-9). While in Ephesus Paul taught throughout Asia (Acts 19:10). Paul left Ephesus after a riot broke out in the theater when Demetrius stirred up the craftsmen because preaching Christ was impacting their idol-making business (Acts 19:23-40). The

theater in Ephesus still exists and had a seating capacity of 24,000.

The "agora" located southwest of the theater is probably where much of the merchandising of the idols occurred.

On Paul's trip toward Jerusalem at the conclusion of his third journey, Paul called for the elders from Ephesus and met with them in Miletus (Acts 20:17-38). Later Paul wrote a letter to the church at Ephesus and left Timothy in Ephesus to warn men not to teach another doctrine (1 Tim. 1:3). Ephesus was a strong church doctrinally but became indifferent, according to the letter in Revelation (2:1-7).

Less well attested than Paul's association with the city is the Apostle John's association. Though there is no Biblical evidence of his association with Ephesus, the consensus of second century Christian sources is that John spent his latter years in Ephesus. In post-Biblical times, Justin Martyr (100-165) was associated with Ephesus.

There probably was a Jewish community at Ephesus, but little evidence of it has been found (there has not been found a synagogue), but Paul's letters and Acts testify to Jewish-Christian hostilities at Ephesus.



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**Harmony of 2 Samuel, Kings & Chronicles with the Pre-Exile Prophets.** Kyle Pope. Guardian of Truth Foundation, 2008. 122 pages, softback. ISBN: 978-158427219-9.

Kyle Pope has been writing a number of good religious books in the past few years. (Bible students will also want to check out Kyle's recent book, *How We Got the Bible*, published by Guardian of Truth in 2010.) One of Kyle's workbooks is worth mentioning here. His *Harmony* workbook brings together the history and prophecies of the Old Testament pre-exile period in chronological order. The approach and format of this material is special because it is not found in many other books written by brethren; especially books that can be used in a Bible class setting. Pope organizes his material into 50 lessons that cover three periods of Old Testament history from the kingship of David to the fall of Judah. Each lesson focuses on harmonizing the books of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles, as well as harmonizing these historical books with the prophetic books of their time (Jonah, Amos, Hosea, etc.). More attention needs to be given in our Bible study to chronological order of Bible history and the harmonizing of both historical and prophetic material. Pope's workbook will unquestionably help the reader in these two areas of study. Pope's style of writing is easy to follow and his overviews of the historical and prophetic material will keep the reader's attention. Each lesson includes questions and various photos, charts, and maps appropriate to the material are placed throughout the workbook. Pope's *Harmony* is highly recommended. Get it and you will gain a greater understanding of the flow of Old Testament history.

***The Legacy of the King James Bible.*** Leland Ryken. Crossway, 2011. 265 pages, softback. ISBN: 978-1-4335-1388-6.

The King James Bible of 1611 celebrated its 400<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2011 and there has been a tremendous influence of this Bible on many aspects of our world over the past four centuries. Leland Ryken, professor of English at Wheaton College and literary stylist for the English Standard Version (Crossway, 2001), has authored numerous books on the subject of Bible translation. His latest, *The Legacy of the King James Bible*, not only tells the exciting story of the King James Bible, but also demonstrates the importance of translating God's word in an essentially literal and accurate fashion. Ryken begins his book by telling the story of the English translations that led to the formation of the King James Bible, from Wycliff's Bible (1380-1384) and Tyndale's New Testament (1526), to the Geneva Bible (1560). Ryken then describes the making of the King James Bible and reviews some of the facts and characteristics of the actual version produced in 1611. The remainder of Ryken's book is primarily devoted to the influence of the King James Bible on society over the past 400 years. The King James Bible has influenced in many ways our English language, education, religion, culture, and literature. *The Legacy of the King James Bible* will give the reader a better understanding and renewed appreciation for one of the greatest Bible translations of all time.

***If God, Why Evil?*** Norman L. Geisler. Bethany House Publishers, 2011. 173 pages, softback. ISBN: 978-0-7642-0812-6.

One of the most popular questions raised against the existence of God is: "If God exists, then why is there so much evil in the world?" Along with this is the question: "Where did evil come from?" and "Why doesn't God do anything about it?" The presence of evil in the world may be one of the most difficult questions for the Christian to answer. Norman L. Geisler, Professor of Apologetics and author of numerous books on the same subject, has written a concise but thorough answer to this question which will help the Christian to give a ready defense. Geisler covers the subject of evil from all angles (nature, origin, purpose, etc.). He mistakenly identifies the Devil with "Lucifer" of Isaiah 14:12 (chapter 3), but he correctly observes that evil originated from the free-will choice of the Devil. Geisler also deals with the subject of miracles and evil, the existence of an eternal hell, the thorny issue of those who have never heard the gospel, and the salient arguments for the existence of God. *If God, Why Evil?* is a highly recommended apologetic resource. After reading this book, the Christian will be prepared with a ready answer to the question of evil.



JOHNIE EDWARDS

# So You're Planning To Be An Elder

**B**ecoming an elder in the church of Christ takes time. As you look at the divine qualifications for elders in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1, it can be easily observed that it takes planning and time to be an elder in the Lord's Church. There is great demand for qualified men to serve the local church, as no church is divinely organized without elders and deacons (Phil. 1:1; Acts 14:23)!

1. **General Qualification.** General qualifications are such things as *"a man, desire the office"* (1 Tim. 3; Tit. 1).
2. **Personal Qualities.** These include: *"husband of one wife, ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection, having faithful children"* (1 Tim. 3; Tit. 1).
3. **Reputation Traits.** One must *"have a good report of them which are without"* (1 Tim. 3:6).
4. **Ability Qualifications.** An elder must *"be apt to teach, able to exhort and convince the gainsayer, as they hold fast the faithful word"* (Tit. 1:9).

5. **Positive Qualifications.** To be an elder one must be: *"blameless, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, patient, lover of good men, just, holy"* (Tit. 1:7-9). These qualities must be found in a man before he is appointed to the eldership.
6. **Negative Qualifications.** There are some 'no's' and 'nots' in being an elder. *"Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre, not a brawler, not covetous, not a novice, (not a new convert); not self-willed, not soon angry"* (1 Tim. 3:1-7; Tit. 1:5-9). If a man does not meet these divine qualifications, he is not qualified to hold the office of a bishop!
7. **Even So Must Their Wives:** A man could qualify in all his areas, but his wife could disqualify him! The elder's wife must be: *"grave, not a slanderer, sober, faithful in all things, hospitable"* (since her husband must be) (1 Tim. 3:11). So, it important as to whom an elder marries.




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# Catholics Try To Justify The Shroud... Again!

**A**bout every 10-20 years, the Catholic Church comes forth with some new, overlooked “proof” that the is the actual burial robe of Jesus. Of course, the fact it has been shown to have originated as a medieval forgery by carbon-dating in 1988 does not hinder their efforts to find new “proof.”

In an article in the *Indianapolis Star* (11-21-09), Barbara Frale claims to have used “computer enhanced” images to decipher faintly written words in Greek, Aramaic, and Latin scattered across the cloth to prove it. She claims the words say “Jesus(s) Nazareth” or “Jesus of Nazareth”—and she showed the experts “words cut from enhanced photos.”

Her argument is the words were written on a document and glued to the shroud so the body could be identified by relatives.

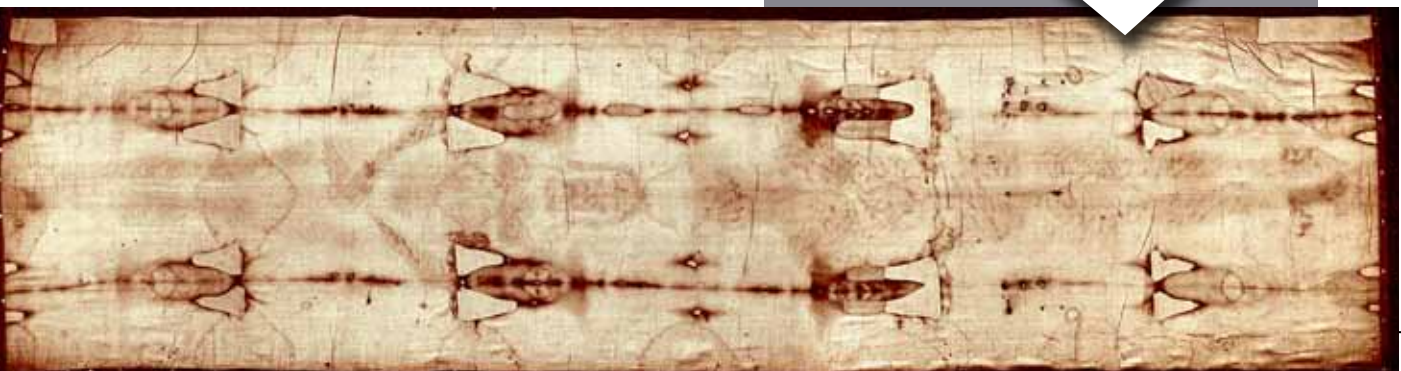
Antonia Lombatti, a church historian, says Greek and Aramaic were used in first century Jewish burials, “but Latin is unheard of.” He also noted the bodies of those of Roman execution “usually were left on the cross or disposed of in a dump as additional deterrent.” Remember: Jesus was taken to a private tomb, so relatives already had the body, and the shroud does not fit the way the Bible describes burial garments used for Jesus. “Shroud expert Glan Manco Rinaldi said scientists dismissed as unreliable the images Frale’s study was based on.”

But don’t give up! Catholics will have something else brand new in a few more years—despite the carbon-dating proving it to be a fraud. They tried this time to dismiss the carbon-dating by claiming it was taken from a piece used to repair a part that was burned, but the part burned happened at a much later date! There is just too much money to be made off this to give up on it yet!

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*The Shroud of Turin, as seen by the naked eye, is believed to be a negative image of a man with his hands folded. The linen is 14 feet, 3 inches long and 3 feet, 7 inches wide. The shroud is also believed to bear the image of a man with wounds similar to those suffered by Jesus.*





JARROD JACOBS

# What Are You Wearing?

**I** used to write at the beginning of summer that this is the time of year when folks start undressing in public in order to “beat the heat.” I have stopped this in recent years, because it is evident that folks do not wait for “warm weather” to undress in public! While it seems more prevalent at that time of year, it is in fact a problem in society and in the church all year long!

Why is the subject of immodesty such a “controversial” and emotional subject with some people? Perhaps it is that some people do not like being told what to wear and what not to wear. Perhaps it is that men have become accustomed to what is “socially acceptable.” Therefore, they do not want to “rock the boat” by taking a stand on dressing in an appropriate and modest way. Certainly, we have become very adept at justifying our sin when it suits us. (This fact can be seen in several areas of folks’ lives.) Thus, the cry of “It’s hot and I need to cool down” is spoken by those wishing to soothe their consciences when they are immodestly attired.

If we are interested in pleasing God (Gal. 1:10), then we ought to be interested in listening to what God has to say about this, and all other subjects (Acts 10:33b; Col.

3:17). What has God said about modesty and immodesty? God has been very clear on the subject.

## MODESTY IS CONTROLLED BY THE HEART

Before we discuss “dimensions” and “measurements” for clothing, let us first be reminded that modesty is a reflection of the heart. It does us no good to talk about “where the line is,” if we do not get our hearts right first!

When discussing modesty, the apostle Peter talked about the dress of sisters in Christ and said, “Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price” (1 Pet. 3:3-4). Notice that the emphasis in the lives of godly women is not to be on outward things, but the “hidden man of the heart”! In other words, when her heart is right, her dress/apparel will show it! Our minds’ desires are expressed in the words we say, the deeds we do, and the clothes we wear, or do not wear (Matt. 15:17-20)! Peter, inspired of the Holy Spirit, said so!

The apostle Paul wrote to the evangelist Timothy about modesty. To him, he wrote, “In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works” (1 Tim. 2:9-10). We again see that the emphasis is placed upon the heart and attitude. The dress/apparel of a person is a reflection of the mind. Therefore, when someone is dressed immodestly, this person may be ignorant (unlearned) about the will of God, or may be in rebellion to what God has taught, but either way, this immodesty is a reflection of the person’s mind, just like modesty and shamefacedness are a reflection of the mind!

Friend, examine your clothing. What you wear is a reflection of the mind, so what is your mind “reflecting” to the world?

## OVERDRESSING AND UNDERDRESSING

Sometimes, in our effort to teach folks about the need for keeping our skin covered, we fail to remind folks that there is such a thing as immodesty where our clothing draws attention to us! (Think: Hollywood award shows, “Royal” weddings, etc.) We need to be reminded that both extremes of immodesty equal sin.

In 1 Timothy 2:9-10, by using the terms “modesty” and “shamefacedness,” the Holy Spirit, through Paul’s pen, addressed both extremes in this text. He shows us that neither extreme ought to be seen in the Christian. Again, the Holy Spirit, addressing the Christians “scattered abroad” (1:1) through Peter’s pen, shows us the dangers associated with immodest apparel. In 1 Peter 3, we see that a wife’s husband’s soul hangs in the balance! He could be won to the Lord through the actions and godly character of his wife. This assumes, though, that she will **do** it, and act as she should!

If she gives in to worldly temptations (Jas. 1:14-15) and either “under-dresses” or “over-dresses,” what kind of impression would this make on her husband, who himself is not a child of God at this point?

## OUR CLOTHES COMMUNICATE A MESSAGE.

Though I have heard some deny this, and say clothes do not communicate anything, some of our nation’s top advertising firms would disagree! Too, please remember the words of Solomon. He said, “At the window of my house I looked through my casement, And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding, Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house, In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night: And, behold, there met him a woman with *the attire*

*of an harlot*, and subtil of heart” (Prov. 7:6-10). When one is wearing the “*attire of a harlot*,” what kind of clothes might she be wearing? What kind of message is she sending people by choosing those clothes?

Some may still deny this and say that clothes do not communicate a message. To those people, I ask that you please examine the following pictures, and answer some questions.





1. Which of the three pictures above depicts the construction worker?
2. Which of the three is the doctor?
3. Which of the three is the policeman?
4. How could you answer those questions since none of the pictures was labeled?

## GOD SPEAKS SPECIFICALLY CONCERNING OUR CLOTHING.

In light of the above, folks might jump to a wrong conclusion and assume that if our heart thinks it “OK” and if the “message” we communicate suits us, then it is modest. Not so. While we need our minds right and our eyes open to what we communicate; just like worship (Jn. 4:24), God has not left us to our own devices to determine what is and is not modest.

When we study the Bible, we learn that we are not to be conformed to this world, but “transformed” (Rom. 12:2), and this would include how we dress. When you want to get an “all-over tan,” you’re conforming to the world! We are to be God’s slaves and concern ourselves with pleasing Him! When



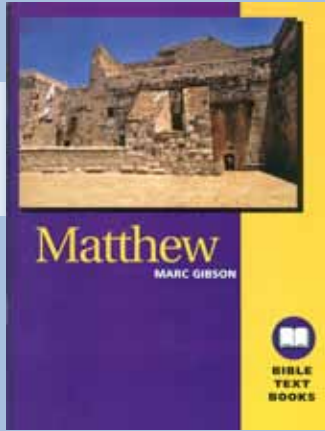
folks wish to dress “sexy”, or when parents dress their children in that manner, then we are not a “transformed” people, but are trying to “conform” to the world, and that is a sin! (Titus 2:14). Strapless, backless, low-plunging necklines, dresses with high slits up the sides, bare midriffs, and the like, are not fitting for those who profess godliness and strive to be a light in this world (Matt. 5:13-16). Remember, we’re trying to influence a spouse, friends, children, neighbors, and others for good. This cannot be done when we are dressing like the world and exposing our bodies in this way (2 Cor. 6:16-17).

In being a “transformed” person and reflecting the Scriptures in our lives, we would do well to remember to not wear clothes that expose the upper thigh (Exod. 28:42; Isa. 47:2-3). Furthermore, men need to remember it is

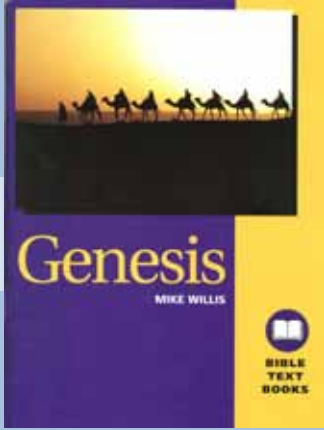
just as wrong for a man to go shirtless as it is a woman! In the beginning, God clothed **both** the man and woman with the “tunics” or “coats” that covered their bodies (Gen. 3:7, 9-10). To say that a woman must be covered, but a man doesn’t have to be covered is contrary to the Bible.

Yes, the lines are well defined, and we must teach our children what is and is not modest from an early age. Elders can and should admonish the worldly member for immodesty. Preachers can and should teach the truth without compromise (2 Tim. 4:2). The question is will we submit ourselves to the commands of God when it comes to dressing in a modest way. Will we?



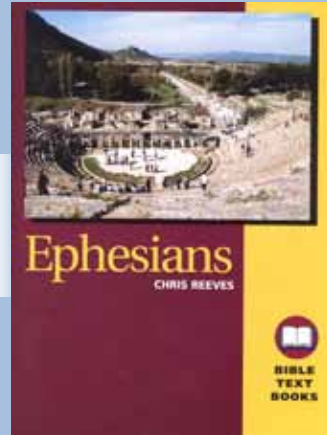


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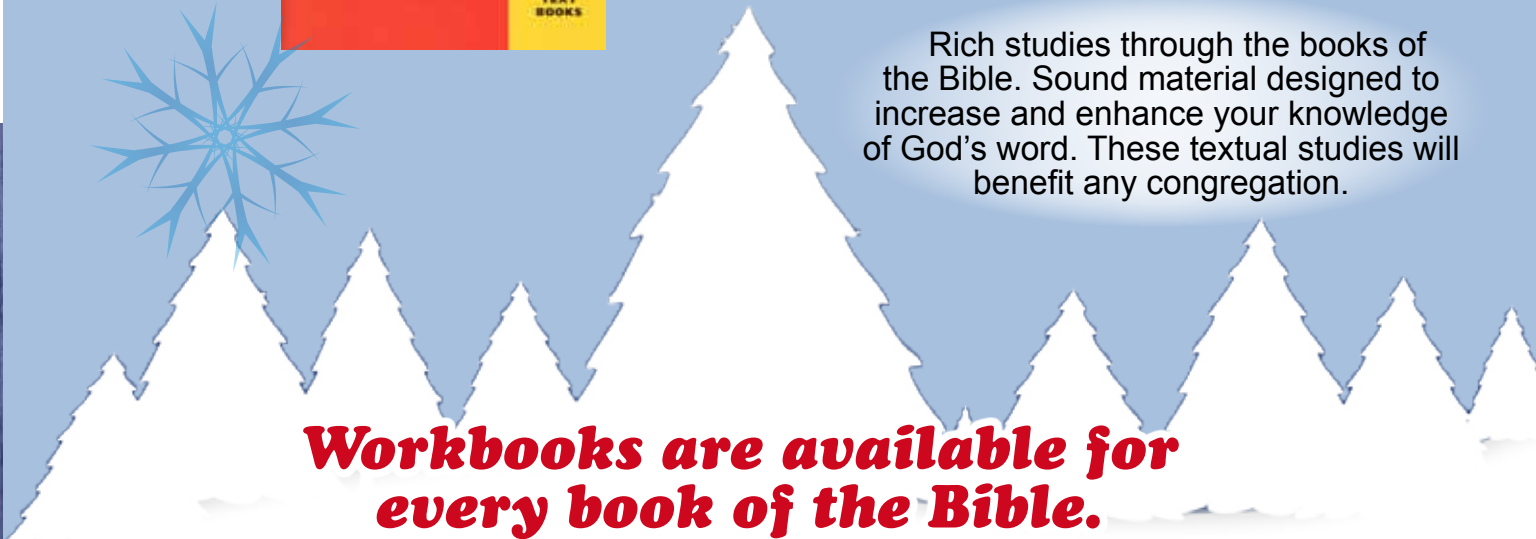
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# Congregational Responsibilities Towards Elders

**W**hen considering the subject of elders, emphasis is often placed upon the duties and qualifications of the elders themselves. This is understandable, seeing as how these matters are set forth in Scripture. The qualifications must be met and the duties must be carried out if there is to be a scriptural and effective eldership. However, we cannot overlook the fact that God has also told the members of the local church how they are to treat the elders.

The success of an eldership (and thus the success of the local church) has as much to do with the attitude and actions of the members of the congregation as it does the elders themselves. Consider the following words from the pen of brother H. E. Phillips:

The relationship between the elders and the members of a congregation must be understood and agreed upon by both parties. Unless the members agree to submit to the elders, the elders will not be able to perform all their functions. The elders are to feed the flock – the flock must eat; the elders are to lead – the flock must follow; the elders are to set the example – the church must imitate them; the elders are to teach – the church must learn; the elders are to rule – the church must submit to them. All along the way the duties of the church must be performed before the work

of elders is effective (*Scriptural Elders and Deacons*, 213).

In this article, we will examine some of the responsibilities that God has given the local church towards her elders.

**Recognize Them.** “And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you” (1 Thess. 5:12). The idea behind us being able to “recognize” the elders is more than just being able to pick them out from the rest of the congregation. We are to “recognize” or acknowledge them as the leaders of the congregation. We are to respect the authority that God has given them as the shepherds and superintendents of the local church. In doing so, we will readily subject ourselves to their voice; respecting their judgments, teaching, and admonitions as authoritative.

**Esteem Them Highly.** 1 Thessalonians 5:13 continues, “and to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake. Be at peace among yourselves.” The word “esteem” means “to lead before the mind.” It is a position of respect that we have for these men in our own hearts. Elders are not mere figureheads, but they are to be held in the highest regard by every member of the congregation.

There is no higher honor bestowed upon a man than that of serving as an elder in the Lord’s church (1 Tim. 5:17). The fact that elders are men who have met the qualifications set forth in Scripture (1 Tim. 3, Tit. 1) shows that they are worthy of high regard. However, Paul tells us that we are to esteem them highly because of their work’s sake. Elders serve the congregation as overseers, making sure everything runs smoothly. As shepherds, they watch out for our souls, making sure we are fed spiritual food and protected from spiritual dangers. It is a sad observation that not many men are qualified or willing to make the sacrifices that are necessary in order to perform this important work. Those who are should be held in high esteem.

**Obedience and Subjection.** “Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you” (Heb. 13:17). Terms such as “obey” and “submit” imply the presence of authority in the eldership. It is not enough to respect and honor our elders as individuals. We must respect their God-given authority.

The idea behind “obey” includes a willingness to trust and be persuaded; to listen to and comply with. It is easy to obey when elders make decisions that we agree with and understand. However, there may be times when elders make decisions that are not understood by the members of the congregation. Sometimes elders are called upon to deal with delicate matters which need to be kept from the rest of the congregation. If the elders have proven themselves to be trustworthy, the congregation needs to trust their judgment and comply with their decisions.

“To submit” means “to yield or to give in to.” In the relationship between elders and the congregation, it means that we are to let their decisions prevail over ours. “Submit” does not mean that we have to agree with their decisions or that they have to do things our way. When there is a conflict between our judgment and theirs, we must yield to their decisions and obey their voice in the Lord.

Elders receive their authority from God. Elders are not legislators; they do not have the right to make up rules. They are to tend the Lord’s flock by the Lord’s rules. When an eldership steps outside the doctrine of Christ in their decisions, they have sinned and are not to be followed. However, as long as a decision made by the elders is in accordance with the Law of Christ, it is to be obeyed. To disobey elders who are acting within the authority of God is to disobey God Himself.

Elders have a hard job to do, and Christians who benefit from their efforts should be willing to cooperate with them by submitting to and obeying their voice. Members who constantly

second-guess and criticize the elders are a grief to them, and will have to answer to the Lord for their poor attitude and conduct.

**Inform Them.** “Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church...” (James 5:14). Elders are shepherds of the flock. As shepherds, they are expected to know the flock and to know what is happening within the flock. However, it is unrealistic for us to expect that elders know everything that is going on in the lives of every member. Elders do not have ESP. Members need to inform the elders when they are struggling physically or spiritually. Those who purposely keep the elders in the dark cannot complain when the elders fail to come to their aid.

**Receive No Accusations.** Timothy was told, “Do not receive an accusation against an elder except from two or three witnesses” (1 Tim. 5:19). No one is above criticism, but there is a big difference between honest criticism and false accusations. Many of us have suffered to some degree because of slander and lies that have been told against us. However, false accusations made against an elder can have a devastating effect upon the entire church. Timothy was to be careful not to accept an accusation made against an elder until it could be proven by at least two witnesses. If the accusation was scriptural, and was backed up by at least two reliable witnesses, Timothy was instructed on how to proceed with correcting the situation (vv. 20-21). However, in the absence of sufficient credibility, all accusations against elders are to be rejected.

**Prayer.** “Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men” (1 Tim. 2:1). Elders would certainly fall under this category. If ever there were men who needed and deserved our prayers, it is those who serve as elders. The importance and seriousness of their work demands thoughtful and diligent prayer on their part. However, they need to know that the members of the congregation are praying for them and their families as well.

# Congregational Responsibilities Towards Elders

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**Love.** We are to esteem elders highly “in love” (1 Thess. 5:13). Love demands that we treat elders the way that we would want to be treated ourselves (Matt. 7:12). We should not make unreasonable or unscriptural demands upon elders. Members of the church need to continue to study and better understand the work that God has given to the elders. This is the only way that we can truly appreciate them and cooperate with them in their work. We cannot expect things from elders that the Lord does not require of them. For instance, elders are sometimes expected to take on the role of deacons and perform physical tasks for the members. However, the Bible clearly indicates that the work of elders is primarily spiritual in nature, while the work of deacons is primarily physical in nature.

## CONCLUSION

It is God’s will that qualified elders be appointed in every local church (Acts 14:23, Tit. 1:5). Elders have a very serious task to perform. The members of the local church are the ones who benefit the most from their efforts. However, in order for the elders to be effective in their work, the members must likewise fulfill their God-given responsibilities towards their elders.



## Mixing The Faith

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Moses as conditions for salvation (Acts 15:1) and fellowship (Gal. 2:12). Paul rebuked Peter and Barnabas for their part in leaving the impression that Gentiles had to keep Old Testament commandments in order to be saved. Later, Paul wrote,

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace (Gal. 5:1-4).

Darrell L. Bock summarized the teaching of Jesus’ parable saying,

The point is clear. The ways of Jesus and the traditions of current religion, even though related to the OT, cannot be mixed without significantly damaging the new entity. In addition, the two approaches really do not go

together. What Jesus brings is a new approach to God. . . . It is, in every sense of the word, a new approach to viewing how people can come to God, a new period, and a new dispensation. Jesus is the real point of difference, as the previous verses showed. It will take the disciples and the early church a little time to see the implications of what Jesus is saying (*Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament: Luke*, I: 520).

Mixing New Testament Christianity with the Law of Moses would destroy the gospel. For this reason, Paul said, “But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed” (Gal. 1:8-9).

If the gospel could not be mixed with the Old Testament ordinances, how much less could it be



mixed with first century Judaism, with its mountain of human tradition—burdensome ordinances defining what constitutes work on the Sabbath day (picking up anything heavier than a dried fig), how far one could travel on the Sabbath, buying and selling goods to non-observant (that is, non-observant of the Pharisees' traditions) Jews, etc.

Jesus' teaching is equally relevant for our modern age which tends to view one's religious beliefs as a smorgasbord from which one picks those items he personally likes to include in his own customized faith. This is religious syncretism – the blending of two or more religious belief systems into a new system, or the incorporation into a religion traditions or beliefs from unrelated traditions! What is praised in America was opposed by Jesus!

In taking the gospel to the pagans, Catholicism "Christianized" many pagan festivals, changing and reinterpreting the festival to make it a part of Christianity. Typical of this were (a) changing the pagan holiday of Saturnalia into Christmas, (b) burning of incense and lighting of candles drawn from Old Testament practices, (c) a separate priesthood, etc. In more modern times, New Age participants combine Eastern religious practices and many other ideas with what they like about Christianity. But the point of Jesus' teaching is that any such attempts dilute and destroy the purity of the gospel of Jesus Christ.


2. *Some do not want the gospel of Christ.* The Pharisees who were challenging Jesus for eating and drinking with tax collectors and sinners and ignoring their traditional practices (such as fasting) did not want what Jesus offered. To describe them, Jesus used another parable—that of drinking new wine or old wine. In this parable, the new wine is the gospel which He introduced; the old wine is the traditional Pharisaic religion. Of these Pharisees Jesus said, "And no one, having drunk old wine, immediately desires new; for he says, 'The old is better'" (Luke 5:39).

What Jesus brought was new and better, but it did not fit the taste of the Pharisees. They liked what they had better than what He preached to them.

This message is part of a theme in Luke's gospel. When Simeon held the baby in the Temple, he said, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel" (Luke 2:34). The context shows that this passage is pointing to two groups — (a) those who believe on Jesus will rise up; (b) those who reject Jesus will fall. Those who rejected Jesus' teaching at Nazareth wished to throw Him over the mountain (4:29); in 6:20-26, Jesus contrasts those who are blessed and those on whom woes will come based on their acceptance of His gospel; in 13:28-29, those who come from the four corners of the globe with faith in Jesus will be received but those who reject Him will be cast into a place where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. One can trace this theme in many other passages in Luke.

The fact is that some today are not interested in what Jesus taught. When they are exposed to its message, they turn to their worldly ways which bring them earthly pleasure, to a less demanding faith, to a more entertaining service of worship, or to another savior. The old way is better than the new in their opinion!

## CONCLUSION

Which will it be in your case? Will you accept the pure New Testament teachings, being content with what God has revealed and not adding to or removing from its contents things that please you? Or will you, like the Pharisees, turn aside from the gospel and its Savior because you prefer something else? 



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<p><b>DELAND, FL</b> North Blvd. Church of Christ 823 N. Woodland Blvd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jack Owen (386) 734-6907 or 734-4311</p>	<p><b>JACKSONVILLE, FL</b> Junglton Creek Church of Christ 1630 State Rd 13N Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (904) 703-2277 Denny Freeman www.jcccoc.com</p>	<p><b>ORLANDO, FL</b> S. Bumbo Church of Christ 3940 S. Bumbo Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Joshua C. Creel (407) 851-8031 or (321) 235-3307</p>	<p><b>ST. PETERSBURG, FL</b> Church of Christ 901 49th St. South Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Doug Barlar (813) 321-2721</p>	<p><b>HI - ISLAND OF OAHU</b> Leeward Church of Christ 94-1233 Waipahu St. Waipahu, HI 96797 (15 mi. from Honolulu; 18 mi. from Waikiki) Bible Study 9 am Worship 10 am Evening 6 pm Wednesday 7 pm www.leewardchurchofchrist.org Anthony Gentry: (808) 671-0239</p>	<p><b>CLARKSVILLE, IN</b> Clarksville Church of Christ 407 W. Lewis &amp; Clark Pkwy. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Kipp Campbell (502) 593-6868 or (812) 944-2305 www.cvcoc.org (812) 944-1878 or 948-9917</p>	

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<p><b>HAMMOND, IN</b> Woodmar Church of Christ 2133 169th St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (219) 845-8942</p>	<p><b>RICHMOND, IN</b> Gaar Road Church of Christ 1835 Gaar Rd. (1 mi. S. of I-70 off Hwy. 227) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Douglas R. Clark (765) 935-2911</p>		<p><b>FRANKLIN, KY</b> 31-W North Church of Christ 1733 Bowling Green Road Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Monts (270) 586-3978 www.franklinchurch.com</p>	<p><b>LEESVILLE, LA</b> White Park Church of Christ 17801 Nolan Trace; 20 mi. from Fort Polk (5 mi. W. of Leesville) Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:35 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (337) 239-4614 www.whiteparkchurchofchrist.org</p>	<p><b>DULUTH, MN</b> Church of Christ 4401 Glennwood St. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Nick Krumrei (218) 728-3233</p>
<p><b>HOBART, IN</b> Church of Christ 300 N. Liberty St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jerry Cleek (219) 942-2663</p>	<p><b>SALEM, IN</b> Westside Church of Christ 2000 West State Rd. 56 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Evan Casey (812) 883-2033 www.westsidechurchofchrist.info</p>	<p><b>AUSTIN, KY</b> Peter's Creek Church of Christ 856 Thomerson Park Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening (Nov-Mar) 5:00 P.M. Evening (Apr-Oct) 6:00 P.M. Evangelist: Justin Monts (270) 404-2171 or 646-0498 www.peterscreekcoc.com</p>	<p><b>GLASGOW, KY</b> East Main St. Church of Christ 106 Carnation Dr. (across from Gorin Park) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Doug Lancaster (270) 404-0346 or 651-7141</p>	<p><b>MANY, LA</b> Lakeside Church of Christ 12095 Texas Hwy. (Hwy. 6 W.) 12 miles west of Many Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (318) 256-9396</p>	<p><b>ROCHESTER, MN</b> Church of Christ 2002 Second St., SW Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Russ Jones (507) 254-3929</p>
<p><b>INDIANAPOLIS, IN</b> Castleton Church of Christ 7701 East 88th St., 46256 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (317) 842-3613</p>	<p><b>TRAFALGAR, IN</b> Spearsville Rd. Church of Christ, 6244 S. 500W. (1.2 mi. S. of Hwy. 135) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Ed Rangel (317) 878-5969 www.trafalgarchurch.com</p>	<p><b>BEAVER DAM, KY</b> Church of Christ 1235 Williams St. Worship 10:00 A.M. Bible Study After Worship Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Mike Thomas (270) 274-4451 or 274-4486</p>	<p><b>LEITCHFIELD, KY</b> Mill St. Church of Christ Highway 62 E. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:55 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (270) 259-4968</p>	<p><b>STONEWALL, LA</b> N. DeSoto Church of Christ 2071 Highway 171 (South of Shreveport) Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Bobbitt (318) 925-2733</p>	<p><b>HELP VACATIONING CHRISTIANS FIND YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP</b></p>
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<p><b>MARION, IN</b> South Marion Church of Christ 3629 S. Washington St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Alan Jones (765) 922-7602</p>	<p><b>LENEXA, KS</b> Lenexa Church of Christ 7845 Cottonwood Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jim Stauffer (913) 631-6519 or 764-9170</p>	<p><b>BOWLING GREEN, KY</b> West End Church of Christ 300 Blue Level Rd., 42101 Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelists: Lowell Sallee (270) 842-7880 www.westendchurch.com</p>	<p><b>LOUISVILLE, KY</b> Church of Christ 4401 West Broad St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Donald Wright, Jr. (502) 772-3026 or 491-9372</p>	<p><b>PORTLAND, ME</b> Church of Christ 856 Brighton Ave. (Breakwater School) Leave Maine Turnpike at Exit 48 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Second service immediately following morning worship. Mid-week Bible Study—Please call for times &amp; places (207) 839-3075 or 839-8409</p>	<p><b>BOONEVILLE, MS</b> Oakleigh Dr. Church of Christ 101 Oakleigh Dr. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 4:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Building: (662) 728-1942</p>
<p><b>MUNCIE, IN</b> Church of Christ 301 N. Calvert Ave. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Kevin Sulc (765) 284-5299 or 286-5488</p>	<p><b>TOPEKA, KS</b> 17th Street Church of Christ 5600 SW 17th St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 4:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (785) 235-8687 or 273-7977 www.17thstreetchurchofchrist.org</p>	<p><b>BRANDENBURG, KY</b> Brandenburg Church of Christ 612 Broadway Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: Charles J. White (270) 422-3878</p>	<p><b>OWENSBORO, KY</b> Southside Church of Christ 2920 New Hartford Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jarrod Jacobs (270) 683-5386 or 264-7869</p>	<p><b>ARBUTUS, MD</b> Arbutus Church of Christ 5205 East Dr., Suite D (East Drive Shopping Center) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Church phone: (410) 247-1396, (410) 590-2852</p>	<p><b>CLINTON, MS</b> McRaven Rd. Church of Christ 301 McRaven Rd. (120, exit 36) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Leonard White (601) 925-9757 or 924-2645</p>
<p><b>OOLITIC, IN</b> Church of Christ 400 Lafayette Ave. P.O. Box 34 Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (812) 279-4332</p>	<p><b>WICHITA, KS</b> Westside Church of Christ 2626 W. 47th St. South Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Mike O'Neal (316) 729-9302 or 942-1649 www.cocwestside.com</p>	<p><b>CAMPBELLVILLE, KY</b> Sunny Hill Dr. Church of Christ (near the Dairy Queen) AM Worship 9:30 A.M. AM Bible Study 10:30 A.M. AM Worship 11:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Lee stevelee4510@windstream.net (270) 789-1651</p>	<p><b>REGINA, KY</b> Road Creek Church of Christ 7 miles west of Elkhorn City on Route 460 &amp; Route 80 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jarrod Jacobs (606) 754-9883, 754-8642 or 754-5398</p>	<p><b>SEVERN, MD</b> Southwest Church of Christ 805 Meadow Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Brandon Trout (410) 969-1420 or (410) 551-6549 www.swcofchrist.com</p>	<p><b>COLUMBUS, MS</b> Woodlawn Church of Christ 359 Sanders Mills Rd. Steen Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Willis Logan (601) 356-6629</p>
<p><b>PEKIN, IN</b> Church of Christ (First St. &amp; Karnes Ct.) Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: John Henry (812) 967-3437 or 967-3520</p>	<p><b>GRINNELL, IA</b> Church of Christ 1402 Third Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (641) 236-1955 (641) 521-6485 (641) 236-3883</p>	<p><b>CANEYVILLE, KY</b> Caneyville Church of Christ 103 N. Main St. (near the 4 way stop) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Dale Barnes (270) 274-3065, (270) 259-0306 or (502) 724-2231</p>	<p><b>BATON ROUGE, LA</b> Park Forest Church of Christ 9923 Sunny Cline Dr. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Bill Crews 275-4684 or 273-1105</p>	<p><b>RIVERDALE, MD</b> (Washington, D.C. area) Wildercroft Church of Christ 6330 Auburn Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Antoine Holloway (301) 474-7460 or (301) 741-0012</p>	<p><b>GULFPORT, MS</b> Morris Rd. Church of Christ 1 blk. N. of Dedeaux Rd. &amp; 3 Rivers Rd. on Morris Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Steven Carmack (228) 832-5529</p>

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<p><b>MERIDIAN, MS</b> 7th St. Church of Christ 2914 7th St. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. (601) 483-3101</p>	<p><b>KANSAS CITY, MO</b> Nashua Church of Christ 11425 N. Main St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Mark Broyles (816) 532-4270 or 734-4142</p>	<p><b>LAS VEGAS, NV</b> Vegas Dr. Church of Christ 3816 Vegas Drive Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (702) 648-4827</p>	<p><b>CHARLOTTE, NC</b> Charlotte Church of Christ 5327 S. Tyrone St. Worship 9:00 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Wendell Powell (704) 525-5655 or 522-9971</p>	<p><b>FRANKLIN, OH</b> Church of Christ 6417 Franklin/Lebanon Rd. State Route 123 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Eston Vandever (937) 746-1249 or (513) 422-2466</p>	<p><b>NEW LEBANON, OH</b> Church of Christ 1973 W. Main St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Marvin L. Eads (937) 236-6521 or 546-8828</p>
<p><b>SOUTHAVEN, MS</b> (Memphis area) Church of Christ 2110 E State Line Rd. (Exit I-55) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: James A. Brown (662) 342-1132 - Church Building</p>	<p><b>KENNETT, MO</b> Church of Christ 703 Harrison St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (573) 888-6778 or (870) 650-1648 Nolan Glover, Preacher www.westsidchurchofchrist.us</p>	<p><b>RENO, NV</b> Central Church of Christ 2450 Wrondel Way, Ste. A Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (775) 786-2888</p>	<p><b>DALLAS, NC</b> Deepwood Forest Church of Christ 2002 Lineburger Rd., Hwy. 275 (Between Dallas &amp; Stanley) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Louis Wooliums (704) 922-8985</p>	<p><b>FREMONT, OH</b> Church of Christ 3361 W. State St. 1 mi. W. of Fremont on U.S. Rt. 20 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (419) 849-3340 or 849-2980 www.freemontchurchofchrist.com</p>	<p><b>NEW RICHMOND, OH</b> Church of Christ 550 Washington St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Contact: Dave Wylie (513) 553-6414 www.nrchurchofchrist.com</p>
<p><b>BLUE SPRINGS, MO</b> Southside Church of Christ 4000 SW Christiansen Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Brett Hogland (816) 228-9262</p>	<p><b>LILBOURN, MO</b> P.O. Box 270 211 Benton St. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Shane Williams (573) 688-2234 or 748-5204</p>	<p><b>SPARKS, NV</b> Sierra Nevada Church of Christ 2425 Pyramid Way Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Monday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Ross Triplett, Sr. (775) 972-4911 retriplett@tripleweb.com</p>	<p><b>HOPE MILLS, NC</b> Gray's Creek Church of Christ Gray's Community Bldg. School Road Worship 10 am Bible Study 11am (910) 321-9023 (910) 424-2372</p>	<p><b>HAMILTON, OH</b> Westview Church of Christ 1040 Azel Ave. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:45 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: David A. Stansberry (513) 868-9988</p>	<p><b>NORTHWOOD, OH</b> (Toledo Area) Church of Christ 4110 Frey Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Donald Jarabek 893-3566 or 691-0688</p>
<p><b>CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO</b> North Cape Church of Christ 121 S. Broadview St. Suite 2 Cape Girardeau, MO 63703 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Jerry Lee Westbrook (573)334-9673</p>	<p><b>RAYMORE, MO</b> Raymore Church of Christ 107 N. Woodson St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Ryan Boyer (816) 322-0042 www.raymorechurchofchrist.org</p>	<p><b>PISCATAWAY, NJ</b> 258 Highland Ave. Bible Study 9:15 A.M. Bible Classes 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Gary P. Eubanks (732) 463-1323</p>	<p><b>MARION, NC</b> Hwy. 70 Church of Christ 18 Peachtree St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 4:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (828) 652-7504</p>	<p><b>HILLIARD, OH</b> Church of Christ 4840 Cemetery Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (614) 876-4089</p>	<p><b>UHRICHSVILLE, OH</b> Church of Christ 638 Parrish Street Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Mid-week 6:30 P.M.</p>
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<p><b>COLUMBIA, MO</b> Eastside Church of Christ 5051 Ponderosa Columbia, MO 65201 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. 445-5497 or 636-0224</p>	<p><b>ST. JAMES, MO</b> Church of Christ 685 Sidney St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Lynn Huggins (573) 265-8628</p>	<p><b>ALBUQUERQUE, NM</b> Albuquerque Church of Christ 1908 Sunshine Terrace SE Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (call to confirm time) 764-9277</p>	<p><b>CINCINNATI, OH</b> Blue Ash Church of Christ Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Russell Dunaway, Jr. 891-3174</p>	<p><b>MANSFIELD, OH</b> Eastside Church of Christ 326 Grace Street Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Evangelist: James Bond (419) 526-2888</p>	<p><b>OKLAHOMA CITY, OK</b> Seminole Pointe Church of Christ 16300 N. May Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: John M. Duvall (405) 340-3189 or 513-6691 www.seminolepointecoc.org</p>
<p><b>DONIPHAN, MO</b> Southside Church of Christ Hwy. 142 E. ½ mile (P.O. Box 220) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (573) 996-3251 or 996-3513</p>	<p><b>ST. JOSEPH, MO</b> County Line Church of Christ 2727 County Line Rd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:50 A.M. Evening 3:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (816) 279-4737 www.countylinechurchofchrist.com</p>	<p><b>ALBUQUERQUE, NM</b> Heights Church of Christ 7801 Zuni Road, S.E. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Darrel Yontz (505) 266-7577 www.heightschurchofchrist.com</p>	<p><b>CLEVELAND, OH</b> Lorain Ave. Church of Christ 13501 Lorain Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (216) 476-0660 or (330) 725-3960, 723-0111</p>	<p><b>MANSFIELD, OH</b> Southside Church of Christ 687 Mansfield-Lucas Road Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Leon Bond: 525-3684 Glenn Bond: 522-1965</p>	<p><b>TULSA, OK</b> Woodland Hills Church of Christ 9119 E. 61 St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Ross Oldenkamp (918) 252-1220</p>
<p><b>FAIR GROVE, MO</b> Church of Christ 217 N. Orchard Blvd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Walter Myers (417) 830-8972 or (417) 736-2663</p>	<p><b>ST. JOSEPH, MO</b> Prairie Hills Church of Christ 14273 County Rd. 307 (.7 mi. E of Intersection I-29 &amp; Hwy. 169) Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (816) 233-6485 Evangelist: Erik Smith</p>	<p><b>BUFFALO, NY</b> Greater Buffalo Church of Christ 3578 Walden Ave Lancaster, NY 14086 Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:15 A.M. Tuesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Daniel Bailey (716) 870-3259</p>	<p><b>COLUMBUS, OH</b> Laurel Canyon Church of Christ 409 McNaughton Rd. Bible Study 9:45 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (614)868-1375 www.lccoc.net</p>	<p><b>MARIETTA/RENO, OH</b> Jct. St. Rt. 7 &amp; County Rd. 20 Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (740) 222-9160 (Daniel Ruegg) or 473-9028 (Steve Foutly)</p>	<p><b>MEDFORD, OR</b> Church of Christ 1850 Spring St. (Roxy Ann Grange Hall) Corner of Spring/Valley View Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Thursday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Dean Blackwell (541) 773-2649</p>

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<p><b>SUMTER, SC</b> Woodland Church of Christ 3370 Broad St. Extension Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: A.A. Granke, Jr. (803) 499-6023</p>	<p><b>JOHNSON CITY, TN</b> Brookmead Church of Christ 2428 Lakeview Drive Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Kevin Kay 423-282-6251 or 426-1836</p>	<p><b>NASHVILLE, TN</b> Hillview Church of Christ 7471 Charlotte Pike Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (615) 952-5458 or (615) 356-7318 Evangelist: Lee Wildman</p>	<p><b>ALVIN, TX</b> Adoue St. Church of Christ 605 E. Adoue St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Mark Mayberry (281) 331-4953 or (832) 837-9038</p>	<p><b>CONROE, TEXAS</b> Woodland Hills Church of Christ 410 Woodland Hills Dr. (77303) Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist Kurt G. Jones www.conroechurch.com 936-756-9322</p>	<p><b>FRISCO, TX</b> (North Dallas-Plano) 4220 Preston Rd. (Holiday Inn) Call for times of services. Glenn Henderson (972) 378-3621 Rex Payne (972) 740-1486 Al Payne (972) 712-9274</p>
<p><b>TAYLORS, SC</b> (Greenville Area) Taylors Church of Christ 400 E. Main St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Luther Pratt (864) 268-5224 or 877-2728 www.taylorschurchofchrist.com</p>	<p><b>KINGSTON SPRINGS, TN</b> Kingston Springs Church of Christ 350 North Main St. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Dan King, Sr. (615) 952-5720 or 797-2280</p>	<p><b>NASHVILLE, TN</b> Perry Heights Church of Christ 423 Donelson Pike Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:55 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Johnny Felker (615) 883-3118 http://perryheights.faihtweb.com</p>	<p><b>ANGELTON, TX</b> Kiber St. Church of Christ 200 East Kiber Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Zeke Flores (979) 849-8376</p>	<p><b>CORPUS CHRISTI, TX</b> Hwy. 9 church of Christ Worship 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Worship 12:00 noon Wednesday 7:30 Call for location: Gary Madden (361)289-1439 or Patrick Frazier (361) 225-4792</p>	<p><b>GRANBURY, TX</b> Old Granbury Rd. Church of Christ 4313 Old Granbury Rd. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (817) 573-6878</p>

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<p><b>HOUSTON, TX</b> Spring Woods Church of Christ 9955 Neuens Rd. at Witte Rd. Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  Evangelist (281) 794-0837</p>	<p><b>NACOGDOCHES, TX</b> Stallings Dr. Church of Christ 3831 N.E. Stallings Dr. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:20 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelists: Randy Harshbarger &amp; Jay Taylor</p>	<p><b>TEMPLE, TX</b> Southside Church of Christ 2003 S. 5th Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M.  (254) 773-0931</p>	<p><b>RICHMOND, VA</b> Forest Hill Church of Christ 1208 W. 41st St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 4:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Jack Bise, Jr. (804) 233-5959</p>	<p><b>CHARLESTON, WV</b> Church of Christ 522 Daugherty St. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (304) 346-2112 or Kent Clark (304) 342-0237 mansuper1965@hotmail.com oakwoodroadchurchofchrist.com</p>	<p><b>RANCHESTER, WY</b> Church of Christ Hwy. 14 West Ranch Mart Mall Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Contact: Bob Reici (307) 655-2563</p>
<p><b>IRVING, TX</b> Westside Church of Christ 2320 Imperial Dr. (closest to D/FW Airport) Bible Study 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Mark Roberts (972) 986-9131 www.JustChristians.com</p>	<p><b>ODESSA, TX</b> Crescent Park Church of Christ 1415 Royalty Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. Evangelist: Dale Garrison (432) 366-5071 or 413-7759</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Subscribe Today! Truth Magazine 855-49-BOOKS 855-492-6657</b></p>	<p><b>RICHMOND, VA</b> West End 4909 Patterson Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening 5:30 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Stacy Crim (804) 358-7933</p>	<p><b>CHARLESTON, WV</b> Church of Christ 873 Oakwood Rd. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:50 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Jonathan Chaffin (304) 342-5637</p>	<p><b>CANADA</b> Calgary, Alberta Northside Church of Christ 803 - 20 Ave. N.E. Calgary, Alberta T2E 1S1 Sunday 10, 11, 6 Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (403) 452-5116</p>
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<p><b>LUBBOCK, TX</b> Indiana Ave. Church of Christ 6111 Indiana Ave. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (806) 795-3377</p>	<p><b>RED OAK, TX</b> Methodist Street Church of Christ 211 Methodist St. Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Evening 5:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (972) 576-3119 or 363-7672 info@methodiststreet churchofchrist.com</p>	<p><b>THE WOODLANDS, TX</b> Woodlands Church of Christ P.O. Box 7664-77380 3987 Wellman Road Bible Study 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:15 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Steve Schlosser (757) 436-6900 www.simplychristians.net</p>	<p><b>ROANOKE, VA</b> Blue Ridge Church of Christ 929 Indiana Ave. N.E. 5 min. from Roanoke Convention Center 1st Lesson 9:15 A.M. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 11:00 A.M. Wednesday 7:30 P.M. (540) 344-2755</p>	<p><b>FAIRMONT, WV</b> Eastside Church of Christ 1929 Morgantown Ave. Bible Study 10:00 A.M. Worship 10:45 A.M. Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday 7:00 P.M. (304) 363-8054</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ADVERTISING RATES ON CHURCH AD PAGES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rates are \$25 per quarter or \$95.00 per year (when paid in advance).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The ads are run once each month -12 times a year. Help travelers find your place of worship!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p>
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9:00 AM		Purer In Heart Tommie Andrews	I'll Never Forsake My Lord Cecil Cox	Train Your Children Huey Hartsell	
10:00 AM		O Happy Day! Dan King	There Is A God Mike Willis	The Army of Our Lord Steven Deaton	
11:00 AM		There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood David McClister	Day by Day Bob Waldron	We Will Glorify the King Jeremy Paschall	
2:00 PM		<b>Revive Us Again 1</b> Congregation Building Series Steve Niemeier	<b>Revive Us Again 2</b> Congregation Building Series Steve Niemeier	<b>Revive Us Again 3</b> Congregation Building Series Steve Niemeier	<b>Open House &amp; Sale CEI Bookstore 1:00 – 5:00 PM</b>
3:00 PM		Q & A with editors of Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs	Q & A with editors of Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs	Q & A with editors of Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs	
7:00 PM	Singing	Singing	No Singing	Singing	<b>Singing With New Hymnal 7:00-8:30 PM</b>
7:30 PM	Emmanuel David Cox	Jesus Saves Connie Adams	No Lecture	There's A Great Day Coming Wayne Chappell	