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...the churches of Christ salute you (Romans 16:16)

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In Ramona

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship

Bible Class 9:30am
Morning Services 10:30am
Evening Services 6:00pm

Third Sunday Worship

Bible Class 9:30am
Morning Services 10:30am
Evening Services 1:00pm

Wednesday Worship

Bible Class 7:00pm

Is The Bible Corrupt?

Bobby Price

The Quran, upheld by those in Islam, says that the Bible has been corrupted. Bart Ehrman, a well-respected atheist, wrote in *Misquoting Jesus*, the Bible has “been altered over the years at the hands of scribes, who were not only conserving scripture but also changing it.”

The word of God claims it is not corrupted, “The word of the Lord endures forever” (1 Pet. 1:25), as would befit a document made by the hand of men. However, we cannot solely rely on the Bible’s message because even a corrupt document can claim to be not corrupt. So we need to look to the history of the Bible’s text.

Some of the books of the Bible were written more than 3,400 years ago. The latest books were completed 2,000 years ago. All of the original documents have been lost or destroyed. Our Bibles are only composed based upon copies of copies of the originals. The copying of the Bible was done by hand by scribes and many people have criticized the purity of the Bible because of this fact.

If you have ever played the game Telephone you understand the logic of this accusation. One person will begin by telling someone a secret, that person then tells someone else that same secret, and so on. By the time the message has passed through everyone the message is completely different. They apply this principle to the Bible and claim it is corrupt.

But if we applied this principle to all historical documents then history would become a very mysterious subject. When a textbook speaks of Caesar, how do you know he really existed? You haven’t met Caesar and neither has the person who wrote the textbook. But those scholars have studied historical documents concerning the man. In that same way, the Bible tells us of factual events and factual people. If scholars required the same historical standards of the Bible as they do other documents they would understand its purity is a statistical impossibility that can only be explained by inspiration. “The word of the Lord endures forever” (1 Pet. 1:25).

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Those Whom We Have The Privilege To Pray For

1. Scott Pease, Nancy (Howarth), Griffin Turley, Carla Cavin, Pat Vinson, Eunice Black, Claude Eberle, Kenny Terry, Vivian Beavers, Jim Pinkston, Kyle Bonner, Tricia Moses & Heather Jones. Also, Dale Bennett, Stephanie Bonner, & Paige Eberle have cancer.
2. Keep our widows and widowers in your prayers.
3. Danny Lee, Tricia's nephew, is awaiting news on his cancer report.
4. The Cagel's & Rebecca's sister & niece are recovering from COVID.
5. Bob Nigh, Kristin's dad, is recovering nicely from his back surgery.
6. Will Adkins, Rebekah French's family, has been placed in hospice care.
7. Please keep our country in your prayers.



Announcements

1. Next Sunday's sermons will be on "Fundamentals: Bible Study Part 3 (2 Timothy 3:16-17) & Our Best (Malachi 1:8)."

God's Plan of Salvation

- Hear/Study *Rom 10:17; 2 Tim 2:15*
- Belief & Faith *Jn 3:16; 14:15; He 11:6*
- Repent *Ac 17:30; 2 Pt 3:9*
- Confess *Mt 10:32; Ro 10:9-10*
- Obey The Gospel *2 Th 1:8; 1 Cor 15:1-4; Rom 6:3-5*
- Live a Faithful Life *1 Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8-14*

If you have any questions or would like to study this or any other biblical matter, please let us know.

Upcoming Events

- Game Night will next be February 26th at 6:30pm.
- Super Bowl party at Landon's house February 7th after evening services. There will be fun, food, and fellowship so make plans to come.
- Bible Way Media is a great way to be edified with sound teaching throughout your day. You can listen at www.biblewaymedia.org or the new app.

Bible Trivia

1. Who had his thumbs and big toes cut off by the tribes of Judah & Simeon?
Adoni-Bezek (Judges 1:3-6)
2. Who hid his belt in the crevice of the rocks?
Jeremiah (Jeremiah 13:3-5)
3. Who kept David warm during his old age?
Abishag (1 Kings 1:1-3)