Puzzled by the Bible Lesson 3 Handout

Phil 1:27  Original KJV - “Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ”

NIV Phil 1:27: “Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.”

James 1:2 KJV 1611

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations,

James 1:2 (KJV 1900)

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

James 1:2 (NIV84)

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds,

Philippians 2:1 (KJV 1900)

1 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

Philippians 2:1 (NIV84)

1 If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,
1. New International Version
2. King James Version
3. New King James Version
4. New Living Translation
5. English Standard Version
6. Holman Christian Standard Bible
7. The Voice
8. New American Standard

Psalm 22:4–5 (KJV 1900)

4 Our fathers trusted in thee: They trusted, and thou didst deliver them. 5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered: They trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

Psalm 22:4–5 (NIV84)

4 In you our fathers put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them. 5 They cried to you and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.

Psalm 22:4–5 (NASB95)

4 In You our fathers trusted; They trusted and You delivered them. 5 To You they cried out and were delivered; In You they trusted and were not disappointed.

Psalm 22:4–5 (NLT)

4 Our ancestors trusted in you, and you rescued them. 5 They cried out to you and were saved. They trusted in you and were never disgraced.
Psalm 22:4–5 (The Message)

⁴ We know you were there for our parents: ⁵ they cried for your help and you gave it; they trusted and lived a good life.

Psalm 22:4–5 (AMP)

⁴ Our fathers trusted in You; they trusted (leaned on, relied on You, and were confident) and You delivered them. ⁵ They cried to You and were delivered; they trusted in, leaned on, and confidently relied on You, and were not ashamed or confounded or disappointed.

1 John 2:16–17 (KJV 1900)

¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

1 John 2:16–17 (NIV84)

¹⁶ For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.

1 John 2:16–17 (NLT)

¹⁶ For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the
Father, but are from this world. 17 And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

1 John 2:16–17 (AMP)

16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh [craving for sensual gratification] and the lust of the eyes [greedy longings of the mind] and the pride of life [assurance in one’s own resources or in the stability of earthly things]—these do not come from the Father but are from the world [itself]. 17 And the world passes away and disappears, and with it the forbidden cravings (the passionate desires, the lust) of it; but he who does the will of God and carries out His purposes in his life abides (remains) forever.

Is there any archaeological evidence for the claims made in The Book of Mormon regarding Jesus’ visit to the Americas?

http://www.christiananswers.net/q-cc/cc-archaeology.html

The Book of Mormon is advertised by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints as “another testament of Jesus Christ” and specifically of the account of his supposed visit to the American continent.

Many scholars and laymen have searched known history of the Americas for evidence that The Book of Mormon is true.

According to the Smithsonian Institute of Washington, D.C., USA, the following items (which, according to The Book of Mormon, existed in the Americas between
600 B.C. and 421 A.D.) have absolutely no evidence for existing in the America's during the time in question:

- **Silk**—Alma 4:6, Nephi 13:7, Alma 1:29
- **Horses**—Enos 1:21, Alma 18:9, 3 Nephi 3: 1, Nephi 18:25
- **Steel**—Jarom 1:8, 2 Nephi 5:15,16, 1 Nephi 4:9, 16:18
- **Iron**—2 Nephi 5:15, 20:34, Jarom 1:8, Mosiah 11:8
- **Coins**—Alma 11:5-19
- **Donkeys**—1 Nephi 18:25, Mosiah 5:14, 12:5
- **Cattle, Cow, and Oxen**—Enos 1:21; 3 Nephi 3:22, 6: 1 Nephi 18:25
- **Pigs**—3 Nephi 7:8
- **Grain and Wheat**—Mosiah 9:9; Helaman 11:17

If The Book of Mormon is true, certainly some evidence for the items mentioned above should have been unearthed by modern-day archeologists.

But where are the objects of steel, iron, and brass that are mentioned throughout The Book of Mormon?

Has the Mormon church uncovered even one coin as mentioned in the book of Alma? Mormon 6:9-15 states that many thousands of men fought a great battle armed with swords, bows, arrows and axes, but have archaeologists discovered any of these items dating back to that time period on this continent?

According to Ether 15:2, two million Jaredite peoples (men, women and children) were killed in battle, yet there is not a trace of this battle anywhere. Ether 15:15 claims that men, women, and children armed with shields, breastplates, and headplates, fought a great battle with much loss of life—yet not one article
of battle has been found to date.
Ephesians 2:8–9 (NASB95)

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

James 2:24 You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.

James 2:14–26 (NASB95)

14 What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? 17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself. 18 But someone may well say, “You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works.” 19 You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. 20 But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless? James 2:24 (NASB95)

26 For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.
John 5:11–13 (NASB95)

11 And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Matthew 21:22 (NASB95)

22 “And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

Mark 11:24 (NASB95)

24 “Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you.

1 John 5:14–15 (NASB95)

14 This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.

Mark 14:35–36 (NASB95)

35 And He went a little beyond them, and fell to the ground and began to pray that if it were possible, the hour might pass Him by. 36 And He was saying, “Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will.”
Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

I came across this verse and I wanted your clarification/thoughts on it. Today, when learning about the Catholic church's added bible, in it, you said they believe you can pray people into heaven, in a way. Like after they die, there is still a chance they can be with Jesus if enough prayers are done on their behalf. And I believe that is not true or biblical, like you had taught today. So when I read 1 Corinthians 7:14, I am confused.

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1 Corinthians 7:14 NASB - For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy.
(NLT) 14 For the Christian wife brings holiness to her marriage, and the Christian husband brings holiness to his marriage. Otherwise, your children would not be holy, but now they are holy.

(AMP) 14 For the unbelieving husband is set apart (separated, withdrawn from heathen contamination, and affiliated with the Christian people) by union with his consecrated (set-apart) wife, and the unbelieving wife is set apart and separated through union with her consecrated husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean (unblessed heathen, outside the Christian covenant), but as it is they are prepared for God [pure and clean].

I know sanctified does not mean saved, but when I looked up the definition it stated made pure or holy or righteous, which is only what Jesus can do for us, right? When I read that verse, it tells me that a believing wife can make an unbelieving husband right in God's eyes and vice versa for an unbelieving wife and believing husband. I came away thinking if a wife's faith was strong enough it can make her husband righteous or sanctified, as the verse states. But I don't think I am interpreting it right, so can you help and give me your thoughts? Reading that verse made me think about what you said the Catholics believe and I just wanted some clarification.
Occasionally “sanctified” takes on a special sense. For example, Paul declares that the unbeliever who is married to a Christian is “sanctified” by the believer (1 Corinthians 7:14).

This does not mean that the marriage itself saves the non-Christian. If that were the case, the apostle would not refer to the union as that of a “believer” and an “unbeliever.” Moreover, this idea would contradict numerous passages that reveal salvation must be accessed by personal obedience (Acts 2:40; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Hebrews 5:8-9).

Rather, the sense seems to be that the unbeliever, being in close proximity with the Christian spouse, is in a sort of “set apart” environment — cut off from the total and extreme godless influence of the world. The end result is the happy possibility that the sinner may be won to the Lord through Christian influence.

W. E. Vine observed that “the unbelieving husband or wife is relatively set apart through his or her believing partner, and abiding in the natural union instead of breaking it by leaving, receives a spiritual influence holding the possibility of actual conversion” (97, emphasis added). This is a reasonable explanation that does not conflict with scripture elsewhere.

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Is this verse somehow teaching that an unbelieving spouse can be sanctified or saved on the basis of their spouse's faith in Christ, or that their children will be holy before the Lord because one of their parents is saved? Of course, the obvious answer to that is "no" because that is totally
inconsistent with the overall teaching of Scripture. That becomes even clearer when one again examines the context of the passage. In this case, the passage is not dealing with salvation or sanctification (being made holy before God) at all. Instead, it is dealing with the marriage relationship between a husband and wife, and this and the following passages deal specifically with the issue of a Christian who has an unbelieving spouse. Paul taught that Christians should not be “unequally yoked” (2 Corinthians 6:14) with unbelievers. Here in this passage, he clarifies that if a believer is already married to an unbeliever they should remain married as long as the unbeliever consents to do so. The reason this would be allowable is that the marriage relationship would be sanctified (holy or set apart in God’s eyes) based upon the faith of the believing spouse. Likewise, the children of that marriage will be legitimate in the sight of God despite the fact that Christians are not to be unequally yoked with the lost.

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Jeremiah 25:11-12:

11 This whole country will become a desolate wasteland, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

12 "But when the seventy years are fulfilled, I will punish the king of Babylon and his nation, the land of the Babylonians, for their guilt," declares the LORD, "and will make it desolate forever.
Isaiah 7:14:

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Micah 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

Genesis 49:10: The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his.

Matthew 24:1-2:

1 Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings.

2 "Do you see all these things?" he asked. "I tell you the truth, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."

Matthew 24:29-31:

29 "Immediately after the distress of those days " 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'
30 "At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.

31 And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

**Matthew 24:14:**

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

**Matthew 24:23-25:**

23 At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it.

24 For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect—if that were possible.

25 See, I have told you ahead of time.