

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

Sermon for the Lord's Day "Do You Know the True God?"



Caleb: A Man of God
Gary C. Hampton

Gary Hampton The Lord's words regarding Caleb are remarkable. "But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and he has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it" (Numbers 14:24). They stand out all the more because they were spoken when the children of Israel were being told they would not see the Land of Promise.

Caleb was set apart because he went against the crowd. Ten of the spies caused the hearts of the people to melt by reporting that the land devours the people who live there, and they had seen giants who made them feel like grasshoppers (Numbers 13:31-33). Caleb believed in God, announcing that they could overcome the land (Numbers 13:30; Joshua 14:8-9).

Caleb remained faithful while others died, despite the fact that Joshua was God's appointed leader. Everyone in his generation died in the wilderness, except for Joshua and Caleb (Numbers 14:20-23; Joshua 14:10). Others sinned against God by rebelling against the Almighty, but Caleb remained true.

Caleb was rewarded because of his faithfulness.

Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the Lord spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim were there, and that the cities were great and fortified. It may be that the Lord will be with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the Lord said. And Joshua blessed him and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as an inheritance. Hebron, therefore, became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the Lord God of Israel. (Joshua 14:12-14)

Caleb challenges us to be men and women of God. The majority around us may clamor for things contrary to God's will. We must go against the crowd (Matthew 7:13-14). Others will die in their sins. We must remain faithful. The Lord's reward awaits us (2 Timothy 4:6-8; Revelation 2:10).

"Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the Lord God of Israel."
Joshua 14:14

Worship today will be via Zoom @ 9:00am

Write and let us know if you would like an invitation.

Our Lord's Day Plan...

- Bible Class** - Kerry
- Opening Prayer** - Nito
- Hymn** - Kerry
- Lord's Supper** - Jordan
- Hymn** - Kerry
- Morning Lesson** - Paul
- Hymn** - Kerry
- Closing Prayer** - Paul

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And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Romans 5:5

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We are praying for you!

George Brown, the Flewellen family, Bobby Glover, Rosemarie Johnson, Jordan Johnson, Path Star. all our elderly members, Norma, Beverly, Judy, and Paul, Charles, and all our friends and neighbors.

Pray for the all those effected by the fires in California and floods in the south.

The wisdom of Solomon...

Knowledge begins with fear and respect for the Lord, but stubborn fools hate wisdom and refuse to learn.
Proverbs 1:7 (ERV)

Colossians 3:12-13

(12) Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; (13) bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

The very fact that Paul urges us to dress ourselves with these virtues signifies that none of us has “arrived” spiritually. All of us are flawed, deficient, and weak in some respects. As we yield and develop these virtues, we must be forbearing and forgiving toward our brothers on the basis of Christ’s example of forbearance and mercy toward us. The enabling power of God’s Spirit is already within us, or this exhortation would be in vain.

It can be done if we will choose to humble ourselves and act when we become aware of the need of a brother or of the church itself. God calls upon us here not merely to act but to do it with affection. In all cases, we must let our heart dictate to our hand, to let our most tender feelings encounter the miseries of those in distress, just as Christ did in descending to clothe Himself in clay. We need to let our feelings be at hand and readily touched that we might open our hands wide in help.

This world has hardened us. We have seen so much arrogance and cruelty that God warns that at the end people will be “without natural affection” (II Timothy 3:3, KJV). We are this end-time generation, and we must go a long way even to start to be like Christ in kindness. But we can do it! Perhaps we can liken beginning to be like this to learning to swim by just “jumping in.” Kindness is something that we must develop, and we can do it because God has already enabled us by His Spirit. This fruit is especially sweet tasting and a major factor in producing unity.

Never forget God’s character, His example, and this promise He has given to us in Isaiah 54:10: “For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,” says the Lord, who has mercy on you.”

— John W. Ritenbaugh

*“Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty: but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.”
Leviticus 19:15*

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Meeting Days and Times

Sunday 9:00 am

Wednesday Bible Class, singing & prayer - 6:00 pm

Zoom Times...

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