

# Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

## Sermon for the Lord's Day "The Christian and Marriage" #2



Our Lord's Day  
Plan...

Worship today will be via Zoom @ 9:00am

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

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

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*I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge;  
1 Corinthians 1:4-5*

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**We are praying for you!**

Please pray for Rose Johnson's family with the loss of her uncle John Nolan, Jag officer at Fort Ord and career Army. His services will be Monday in Seaside. Keep in your prayers President Trump, our great country, and each member of our congregation as well as the saints around the world. We give thanks to God for all we have,

Praise God and keep Him first in your life!

### PERFECT PEACE COMES FROM THE PRINCE OF PEACE

Raymond Elliott

In the closing remarks of the second epistle that the apostle Paul wrote to the "church of the Thessalonians in God our Father the Lord Jesus Christ", he wrote, "Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all" (2 Thess. 3:16). In all of the trials, tribulations, disappointments and struggles in this life, children of God can find peace in our savior Jesus Christ who is the "Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

Edward J. Bickersteth, was on vacation in Harrogate, England and on one Sunday in August, 1875, he listened to a sermon by Canon Gibbon that was based on Isaiah 26:3, "**Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.**" He was greatly impressed by the thoughts presented on this text. It was then that he took a piece of paper and began to write a poem that would become the moving and beautiful hymn, "Peace, Perfect Peace". In this hymn, you will observe that in each stanza there is a challenge or a struggle presented for the believer; and, for each struggle, the author provides spiritual answers in the second half of each stanza.

"Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?  
 The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.  
 Peace, perfect peace, by thronging duties pressed?  
 To do the will of Jesus—this is rest.  
 Peace, perfect peace, with sorrows surging round?  
 On Jesus' bosom naught but calm is found.  
 Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away?  
 In Jesus' keeping we are safe, and they.  
 Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?  
 Jesus we know, and He is on the throne.  
 It is enough; earth's struggles soon shall cease,  
 And Jesus call us to heav'n's perfect peace."

"There is no peace, Says my God, "For the wicked" (Isaiah 57:21). But, to His disciples Jesus gave these assuring words: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27). The exhortation given by the apostle Paul as found in Philippians 4:6, 7, is also for "all the saints in Christ Jesus" today: "**In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.**"

**Ephesians 5:20**

*...giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,*

**Philippians 4:3-4**

*And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life. (4) Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!*

For some, this is difficult, and indeed, we all often stumble over it. We can be very grateful to God when things go well. Perhaps, after returning safely from a trip, we are quick to thank God for our successful arrival, as if He were personally responsible for the operations of all who worked to get us home. Suppose, however, that the trip was not so successful. Maybe we were involved in an accident and injured or delayed so that we were late for a meeting, costing a large sale or the loss of a client? Or maybe lightning struck the house, an earthquake damaged it, or a burglar broke in and stole valuables?

Do we see God's hand in these circumstances as well? Is God involved only in the "good" things of life? For example, did Job bemoan his "bad luck" or murmur against God? He bowed before Him, even managing to bless Him (Job 1:13-22)! Is this just fatalistic acquiescence or blind credulity? No, in people who live by faith, it is neither of these because real faith always rejoices in the Lord, knowing He is involved in all aspects of life.

Paul's exhortation to the Philippian church (Philippians 4:4) is nothing short of a call to faith of those undergoing some sort of heavy trial. If a Christian believes that his life and all its circumstances are in the hands of the sovereign, wise, and loving God who is always working for his good, then he can truly rejoice always.

— John W. Ritenbaugh

Have a blest Thanksgiving  
Remember all the Lord has done for you and  
give thanks!

*Teach them [God's commandments] to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*

**Deuteronomy 11:19**

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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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