

# Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

## Sermon for the Lord's Day "The Lord's Supper" #2



### Psalm 27: A Message in Life Ron Thomas

Life is in need of Courage. Some men prepare themselves for the battle ahead mustering up courage to engage. For some, try as they might, it does not come easy. The battle is engaged, they learn they had more within than they realized. Some Christians wonder about themselves when they face the enemy. Commitment to the Lord means they are better prepared than they realize.

Life is in need of Shelter. The battle is over, the scars are impressed on the body and the mind. Lives are changed, sometimes not for the better. What to do? Stay within oneself, seeking only self-consolation. Better still, turn to the Lord, though one does not understand, there is understanding in the Lord. "O' that I may dwell in the house of the Lord forever." It is there that I find the only relief that is long-lasting.

Life is a great Teacher. The battle has been fought, the scars have made an impression, now how do I learn from these experiences to be a better person? So many appeal to the Lord, but after the Lord has spoken, the Lord is not heard. To be a better person, the Lord has to be THE teacher. There are experiences in life that are great teaching moments, but what about the teachings moments that take us from this life to the next? "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:28-30, ASV).

Life's Exhortation. You are prepared; you enjoy life and try to be a person of joy to others around you. You have been taught by the Lord, so you try to teach others. "Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord" (Psa. 27:14, KJV).

Worship today will be via Zoom @ 9:00am

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

**Bible Class** - Nito

**Hymn**- Kerry

**Opening Prayer** - Paul

**Hymn**- Kerry

**Lord's Supper** -Jordan

**Morning Lesson** - Paul

**Hymn** - Kerry

**Closing Prayer** -Kerry

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...likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

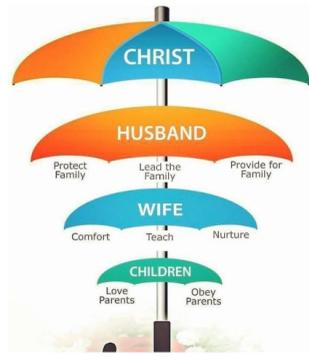
Luke 22:20

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**We are praying for you!**

- kerry Johnson** - for his knee pain and related problems
- Rosemarie Johnson** - for her well being and good health
- Norma Decker** - for her well being, comfort and good health
- Charles Barry** - for his knee, back, and shoulder issues.
- The Alisal congregation** - for spiritual strength and growth during this difficult time

Praise God and keep Him first in your life!



*Our Lord's Day Plan...*

*I tell you, whoever acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man will also acknowledge him before the angels of God.*  
— Luke 12:8

Thought

What a simple way to inherit a blessing. Let's make sure that we don't fall into the trap of Peter during the night of Jesus' arrest — strong when in the presence of friends and weak in the presence of those who are hostile. Let's be ready to share our faith with friends with "gentleness and respect" (1 Pet. 3:15). Let's be willing to be openly identified as one of Jesus' disciples and show it by our words and deeds. Let's confess that Jesus is our Lord by our lives and our lips for all the world to see.



**Pray for Others Without Ceasing**

Jon Warnes

Paul's famously inspired words in 1 Thessalonians 5:17, "pray without ceasing" really come to light when observing all of his two letters to the church in Thessalonica. As documented in Acts 17, Paul, Silas, and Timothy establish the Lord's church there after spending three Sabbaths reasoning with them from the Scriptures (v. 2). Ultimately, angry Jews chase them out of town, leaving the newly found congregation to be on its own, but of course, not without having been taught and solidified with the Truth.

Paul commends these faithful children and greatly encourages them, by way of example, in his own prayer life to be ceaseless in prayer for others. He writes, "we give thanks to God always for all of you" (1 Thess. 1:2); "For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God" (1 Thess. 2:13); "as we night and day keep praying most earnestly that we may see your face" (1 Thess. 3:10); "We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren" (2 Thess. 1:3); "To this end also we pray for you always" (2 Thess. 1:11); "But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren" (2 Thess. 2:13).

As is fitting, take time this season (and every season) to give thanks to God for everything, for this is His will for us (1 Thess. 5:18). But, also, don't neglect your own requests for prayer. Paul twice asks the good brethren in Thessalonica to "pray for us" (1 Thess. 5:25; 2 Thess. 3:1). The constant encouragement of praying for others without ceasing will surely help see us through our spiritual walk together until our Lord comes again.

**December 13, 2020**



**Meeting Days and Times**

**Sunday ..... 9:00 am**

**Zoom Times...**

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

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