

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

!Sermon for the Lord's Day
"The Church at Ephesus"



What Color Was th Dust of the Earth?

Cliff Holmes

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27). "Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature" (Genesis 2:7).

When God created mankind, male & female, did He show any concern as to what color the dust was? The dust could have been black as coal, tan as desert sand, red as clay, yellow as an Asian desert or white as sand by the seashore. What seemed to be of greater importance to God was that He was making man in His own image. He was more concerned that His creation was to be pure, perfect and sinless. The breath of life that He breathed into man was pure, holy and spotless, and no hue found within the color spectrum can describe the color of the human soul. However, coming from God, it was as He is – pure, clean and without blemish.

When Satan came upon the scene, he brought with him temptation. He placed the temptation before the woman (and her husband who was with her), and they both yielded to the temptation. Then, the spotless soul of man was stained with a blackness that he could not wash away no matter how he tried.

The hatred and animosity between mankind today is not due to the color of one's skin. It is because of the envy, jealousy, deceit and malice with which mankind has allowed himself to become entangled, and now he finds himself unable to extricate himself from it. Skin color is just an excuse for having ill will toward a fellow man who was created by God just as you were.

If we allow ourselves to have anger, animosity and even resort to violence against our fellow human beings, then we are not worthy of the effort that God put forth to create us in the first place. God is love, and God loves us so much that He sacrificed His own Son to get us out of the snare with which Satan has trapped us all.

We must love all men, though we hate sin, envy, deceit and violence wrought by others. Put a stop to the rancor, anger, violence and devastation we see in our streets today. If we cannot be at peace with one another, and love one another, then I ask you, how can we say we love God?

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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And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. ...

Revelation 19:1-3

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We are praying for you!

- Lisa McCollum** -for successful radiation treatment for Thyroid cancer.
 - Rosemarie Johnson** -for her good health and for all the help she gives others.
 - Norma Decker** - for good health, peace, and joy at this present time.
 - Sunilraju Gollapalli** - for his good health and for all the help he renders in India
- We pray for all people to seek God and obey hus commandments.**

Our Lord's Day Plan...

[After saying that he came to accomplish the purpose of the law of Moses, Jesus continued:] “I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God’s law will disappear until its purpose is achieved.” — Matthew 5:18

Key Thought:

The intent of Jesus’ teaching is to shift the focus away from just an appearance of adherence of the law and rivet our attention on the heart of the Lawgiver, God. The validity of the law’s truth is enduring down to the last detail. But that truth is found in Jesus, the one who lived in perfect obedience and righteousness before God. As the rest of the Sermon on the Mount indicates, Jesus does not lessen the intent of the law but gives it flesh and blood, compassion and mercy, power and depth. His words will never pass away! Grace is not about diminished expectations, but about power, motivation, and salvation. But salvation is more than salvation from past sin or even salvation to heaven at the end of time. Salvation is about being protected from the ravages of sin’s punishments and consequences since Jesus’ mercy and grace have motivated and empowered us to obey God’s will and so fulfill the intent behind every letter of the law.



**Faithfulness in Doctrine,
Worship and Life**

Ronald D. Reeves

The ideal congregation maintains faithfulness in doctrine, worship and life. John commented forcefully upon these. Regarding doctrine, he said, “Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God...” (2 John 1:9). Regarding worship, he penned, “God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth” (John 4:24). Regarding life, he transcribed, “...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life” (Revelation 2:10). Thus, we see that the people of God must maintain faithfulness in these matters. To do otherwise constitutes a course that robs us of our present spiritual security and our future celestial inheritance. May we always have the courage to seek out the Lord’s will in all matters wherein He has spoken, as well as to demonstrate the fortitude to live and teach accordingly. Motivation to this end is realized in the observation that doctrine communicates divine principles of truth, while worship regulates our personal relationship with deity, and our course of life will determine our eternal destiny. Lives guided by these observations and principles truly have the hope promised to mankind in the Word of our gracious God.

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Zoom Times...

Meeting Days and Times

Sunday 9:00 am

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

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