

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

!Sermon for the Lord's Day
"General Application"



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

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

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We are praying for you!

- Lisa McCollum** -for successful treatment for herTyroid cancer.
- Norma Decker** -for her health and well being.
- Charles Barry** - forpain relief and rest.
- Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Inc.** - for contunued help for those in need.
- Preachers** - for strength and determination to proclaim God's Word.
- We pray for all people to seek God and obey hus commandments.**

We Are Not of This World George McNulty

In 1 Peter 2:11, the apostle describes Christians as "strangers and pilgrims" in this world. In Hebrews 11:13, we read of the heroes of the faith: "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth." It is very clear from Scripture that those who are the servants of God are set apart from the rest of humanity.

There can be no doubt that God loves the world. John 3:16-17 tells of this remarkable love, but that does not mean He approves of the ways of the world. Jesus our Lord said in John 18:20, "I spake openly to the world," and declared His kingdom to be "not of this world" in John 18:36. He also spoke regarding our relationship with the world in which we live. We come out from of this world, and we are now His. In John 17:16, we learn from the Master's lips, "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." So where is our true home? Where Jesus reigns right now – Heaven – is our home!

We have also been left in this world with a purpose. In John 17:18, the Lord said, "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." Remember John 3:16-17, which reads, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." His mission is now our mission on earth. We are as He was – a gift, a blessing, a necessary need for all who would obey the good news!

How wonderfully touching it is to realize that Jesus has not left us without support. "And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are." In John 17:11, He said, "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil." In the previous verse, He said, "I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."

In Christ Jesus, we are kept from the world, while at the same time being in it! Scripture reveals in John 17:15 that Christ prayed that the Father would "sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."

We understand that this message will not be popular with all, and some will even hate us. As His servants, as agents of Heaven on earth, we must be a light in its darkness, even as He is! In Matthew 5:14, our Lord said, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." In 1 John 5:4-5, the beloved disciple wrote to the saints, "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"

When we obey the Gospel call, we become God's own beloved people. While living in the world, we must not give our love to it but to our Holy God. In 1 John 2:15, we read, "Love not

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A Lesson For Timothy

Brad Tolbert

“These are the things you are to teach and insist on” (1 Timothy 6:2). Paul makes this statement to Timothy in his letter making it clear that Timothy is to pass on to others what he has been taught. This is a message that needs to be passed on to us as well. Wealth, and its pursuit, has long been an area of temptation for mankind. We long to amass wealth and power, putting our hope in our possessions that can easily perish.

“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses” (1 Timothy 6:6-12).

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life” (1 Timothy 6:17-19).

No matter what our current situation in life, we must put our faith in God. Money can be a trap if we let it.

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the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” We must avoid the lust of the flesh and the pride of life that leads to destruction.

While we are in the world, let us not forget where our true home is! Let us never forget who is our true King. May the Lord keep us from those who forget their place. 1 John 2:4 reads, “He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.”

Scripture reveals this fact: We are not of this world. God commissions us to be a light in the darkness in this world. We will be opposed, but “greater is he that is in us than he that is in the world” (1 John 4:4). Get right with God today and be added to his kingdom (Acts 2:38) while yet you may do so.

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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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