

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

Sermon for the Lord's Day
"The Church at Sardis" (1)



The Arrogant Claim to Know More than God
Larry Fitzgerald

It's hard for us to conceive of someone standing face-to-face with God and saying, "Lord, you don't know what you're talking about. I'm smarter than you." And yet, in reality, people do that all the time, even many who claim to be Christians.

I once was studying the Bible with a man who believed in the false notion that we are saved by faith alone. I showed him the only place in the Bible where that phrase is used.

You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone" (James 2:24 NASV).

And instead of bowing to God's will, the man got angry and tore (ripped) James 2 out of his Bible and said, "That's not in my Bible!" He was disagreeing with God. And when we refuse to follow God's will in our lives—whether it involves morality or scriptural worship or the plan of salvation or church government—if we refuse to follow God's commands, we are disagreeing with God.

"If you love me," Jesus said, "you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15).



True Peace
John K. Wills

We live in a troubled world. Many have chosen to forget God in order to have the fleeting pleasures of this life. My brethren, there is no spiritual peace in living as the world! The inspired apostle Paul penned, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2). To the Colossians he wrote, "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts...Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom" (Colossians 3:15-16). To the Philippians, he Wrote "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ" (Phil 4:7). Yes, even in today's troubled world, we can have true peace through Jesus. And His peace is eternal!

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 - Paul

Hymn- Kerry

Opening Prayer -Paul

Hymn- Kerry

Lord's Supper -Jordan

Morning Lesson -Paul

Hymn - Kerry

Closing Prayer -Kerry



... For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:8



We are praying for you!

- Raymond Elliott - for continued healing from his hip replacement.
Church of Christ India Mission Work - for bringing God's Word to the people.
Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Inc. - for continued help for those in need.
Manuelito Navajo Children's Home - for help and blessings as they serve the children.
Norma Decker - for God's blessing on her health and well being.
We pray for all people to seek God and obey his commandments.

Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to cast out evil spirits and to heal every kind of disease and illness. Here are the names of the twelve apostles:

*first, Simon (also called Peter),
then Andrew (Peter's brother),
James (son of Zebedee),
John (James's brother),
Philip,
Bartholomew,
Thomas,
Matthew (the tax collector),
James (son of Alphaeus),
Thaddaeus,
Simon (the zealot),
Judas Iscariot (who later betrayed him).*

— *Matthew 10:1-4*

Thought:

What an interesting, amazing, and strange group to choose if your goal is to forever change the world! But there they are. A dozen men who, because of Jesus' life and resurrection and the power of the Spirit, forever changed the history of our planet. We have such a great temptation to revere these men because of the good they did. While we must be appreciative of those who were faithful and paid the ultimate price for their discipleship, we must also realize that the glory of their service is found in their Master, not in their being the Master's servants. What makes them special is that Jesus called them and gave them authority to do great works to bless others. I wonder what he wants to do with us. I wonder what role he wants us to play in his great work of redemption.

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“Do not let your happiness depend on something you may lose... only [upon] the Beloved who will never pass away.” — C. S. Lewis

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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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