

**Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal**

**Sermon for the Lord's Day**

**"The Church at Sardis" (3)**



**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 Jordan**

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*Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.*

*Luke 12:27*

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***We are praying for you!***

**Charles Barry** - for pain relief and healing due to a new back injury.

**Norma Decker** - for God's blessing for her health and well being.

**Global Broadcasting Network** - for bringing God's Word to the people.

**Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Inc.** - for continued help for those in need.

**Robert Sagun** - for success in his new job in Monterey and adding to our congregation.

**We pray for all people to seek God and obey his commandments.**

**The Worst Part Was the Political Implications**

Barry Haynes

Alfred Packer was a man made infamous by his peculiar crime; cannibalism. The fact Packer had murdered and eaten five hunting companions during a Colorado blizzard in 1873 was horrifying. Hardly anyone could think of a worse crime, well except for one person. The judge at the trial M. B. Gerry was quoted to have said to Packer at his sentencing, "There were seven Democrats in Hinsdale County, but you ate five of them. I sentence you to be hanged by the neck until you're dead, dead, dead, as a warning against reducing the Democratic population of the state."

I wish I could say we have moved beyond that thinking. Yet today, it seems politics still play a huge role in most folks thinking, more maybe than it should. Issues of right and wrong are now blurred by the political implications. All sides seem far too willing to accept evil as long as that evil benefits their political constituency. Rhetoric has replaced reason. Victory is more important principle. The ends justify the means.

For the Christian, we need to remember in these charged political times, that before whatever country we are citizens of or whatever party we profess or whatever civic group we are beholden, we are first and foremost children of God. Our first loyalty is to His Kingdom. And his kingdom is one of truth, righteousness, and love. Our actions must follow with these principles before all other implications.

The world may only be interested in votes, but we must be concerned for souls.

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***"We must alter our lives in order to alter our hearts, for it is impossible to live one way and pray another."*** —

William Law

*“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.”*  
— Matthew 5:13

Thought:

Jesus never wanted us to give up our moral distinctiveness, our redemptive influence, nor our loving impact on those around us. The purpose of our presence in the world is to preserve our culture from further decay and season the bitter, dog-eat-dog world, with grace and mercy.

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**Seems Right, or Actually Right?**

Doug Wells

There are a lot of things I could tell you that you'd probably believe. How about: I went to the gym yesterday for about two hours. Just as you are about to compliment my efforts my wife walks by and says “No, he didn't! He sat around like a bum and watched TV all day.” Do you see how that works? You thought you knew the truth but another voice set you straight. As Proverbs 18:17 says “The first to present his case seems right, till another comes forward and questions him.”

Have you ever wondered what you believe simply because it was the first thing you heard? Because Dad said it, because an older brother said it, because your all-wise kindergarten teacher said it, you believe it. Their statements seemed right to you at the time so you accepted them. Sadly, our role models do not always speak the truth. I suggest opening God's Word and letting what you read challenge your beliefs. Perhaps then what only seems right will be replaced with what is actually right.

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“The essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride. Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere fleabites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil: Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind.” —

C.S. Lewis



**May 16, 2021**



**Zoom Times...**

**Meeting Days and Times**

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

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

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