

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

Sermon for the Lord's Day

“The Church at Philadelphia” (3)



Worship today will be via Zoom @ 9:00am

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

Bible Class -Jordan

Hymn- Kerry

Opening Prayer Paul

Hymn- Kerry

Lord's Supper -Kerry

Morning Lesson -Paul

Hymn - Kerry

Closing Prayer - Jordan

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Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

Revelation 3:9

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We are praying for you!

Rosemarie Johnson - for better health and well-being.

Charles Barry - for less back and leg pain and other physical problems.

Annette Barry - For quick healing from the flu (not COVID).

Rob Redden - for his work for the Lord and those he serves at Grover Beach, CA.

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

The Right Foundation

Chuck Taylor

The foundation is ever so important when constructing a building. Concrete reinforced with rebar is the usual construction method. There are building codes and constant inspections to ensure regulations are met. Builders are held accountable for any errors in the foundational support. Constructing a building without these codes could cause the building to collapse.

According to God, it also makes a difference where we build our spiritual foundation. Christ gave the example of one who built his house on sand. Many heard the sayings of Christ but did not do them. When the winds came and the rain descended on the house, it fell because it was not founded upon rock (Matthew 7:24-27). Here, the rock for us is the Word of God. All of the church's activity must be founded in the rock of the Word of God.

In another sense, Paul told the Corinthians that “no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 3:11). Many churches claim attachment to Christ, but unless they have submitted to His will, they are not His church. Therefore, Jesus Christ is not their foundation.

Notice that in Matthew 16:15 Jesus asked, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (v. 16). In verse 18 Jesus said, “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.” Jesus built His church on the fact that He is the Christ. He is the foundation and the Head (Ephesians 1:22; Colossians 1:18)! Any organization that builds on some other foundation or has a different head is not the church of the Bible. The gates of Hades shall not prevail against the Lord's church. Any institution founded by man cannot stand against Satan. Only the church of our Lord will, in the end, stand.

It is grand that our foundation is the Christ our Lord! We recognize that He is the only One Who built the sure foundation – He is the foundation! Therefore, when we build with His will – the Word of God – we build upon the Rock or Foundation, Who is Christ. Examine your foundation and determine whether it is from man or from God. If from man, then discard it. If from God, then forever cling to it. Think about it!

But when the Pharisees heard about the miracle, they said, “No wonder [Jesus] can cast out demons. He gets his power from Satan, the prince of demons.”

Jesus knew their thoughts and replied, “Any kingdom divided by civil war is doomed.

A town or family splintered by feuding will fall apart. And if Satan is casting out Satan, he is divided and fighting against himself.

His own kingdom will not survive.”

— Matthew 12:24-26

Thought:

Incredibly, we can assign good deeds to bad motives or evil intent when those good deeds are done by those we don't like or hold as our enemies. Jesus faced this same problem. But Jesus reminded us that Satan and his forces already know what most of us intuitively realize when we think about it: You don't advance your own cause by instigating internal division and rivalries. Satan also knows that if he can divide us, he can more easily defeat us. Jesus' point, however, is that even with all the evil one's forces united and intact, he can defeat Satan because he is stronger than Satan. Jesus went into Satan's stronghold and defeated him. With his help, we can, too!

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“We Christians must simplify our lives or lose untold treasures on earth and in eternity. Modern civilization is so complex as to make the devotional life all but impossible. The need for solitude and quietness was never greater than it is today.”

— A. W. Tozer

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Be Afraid. Be Very Afraid, #2

Denny Petrillo

Death ends all opportunity. This life is our one and only opportunity to live and act in view of eternity. God wants us to fear Him. Solomon said fear is the “beginning of knowledge” (Proverbs 1:7). If we can start with this perspective of God, the knowledge obtained from that point on will be properly “filtered.”

No one is going to escape facing God on Judgment Day (Revelation 20:11-15). Those who had a healthy fear of God and operated out of that fear (obeying God) will have nothing about which to be concerned.

Evildoers ought to “Be afraid. Be very afraid!” This kind of fear is a genuine attitude for one to have toward God. There is nothing frivolous about this kind of fear. Nobody wants the kind of fear that equates to horror, but the godly fear – which is reverence – is productive.

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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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