

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

Sermon for the Lord's Day

“The Church at Philadelphia” (4)



Who is Dad?

Ron Thomas

### Welcome Back!

We are so very happy that you are with us as we worship together!  
May our day be blessed.

*There will be a meal and fellowship following the service.*

### It is so good to be together!

*But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.  
John 4:23*

*We are praying for you!*

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

Who is dad? He is a man of **Faith**, that is, he is committed to the Lord Jesus and leads his family in the straight and narrow way. For a man who is a husband and father to not do this is to let his family down.

He is a man **Assured** of his direction in life. When much younger, many boys try to find their way in this world, what do they want to do, how will they make a living, by what philosophy will they live. This is something we all can relate to. Once he finds it, then lands safely on that directive path, he is assured where he is going and how to get there.

He is **Thoughtful** man. Not too much good can be said about a reactionary man, something who reacts before thinking. There are times in life when one's anger boils quickly, but it is during those times when slowness to respond is a matter of prudence and wisdom.

He is a **Husband**. When one thinks of father's day, the children are to be the love-product of a father and mother, a man who loves and treats his wife as the Lord treats the church, loving and nourishing.

He is a man who is **Error-prone**. With the positive qualities mentioned thus far, strange that I would include this negative characteristic, I suppose. Yet, it is very much true. Any man who truly knows himself knows he is a man of many failures. Because of this, going back to faith above, he relies on the Father of Glory to give him strength to carry on.

He is a man who is **Reassuring**. Just as the Father of Glory gives reassurance to him, so he is reassuring to those of his family that fail in their own responsibilities. More than that, however, he is reassuring to the many that he interacts, encouraging them, correcting them, being firm with them because he wants what is best for them (all as needed).

Tough to live up to? Not really when you think about the One to whom we must give an account—the Father of Glory.



“The art of being happy lies in the power of extracting happiness from common things.” — Henry Ward Beecher

## THE PRECIOUS NAME OF JESUS

Raymond Elliott

The “angel of the Lord” declared to Joseph “And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). The apostle Peter, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit declared, “Nor is there salvation any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). There is a beautiful hymn entitled “There’s Something About That Name” with these meaningful lyrics: “Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, There’s just about that name. Master, Savior, Jesus like the fragrance after the rain; Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Let all Heaven and earth proclaim, Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, But there’s something about that name.”

In our secular society we often speak of politicians and especially do we mention the names of great athletes. Our children learn the names of entertainers, television celebrities and movie stars; however, it is on rare occasions that you hear the precious name of Jesus. There is a possibility that we might be classified as being extremist if we did. We should not be hesitant to speak of Jesus because He gave His life for us on Calvary so we could be saved. The apostle Paul wrote how the Heavenly Father exalted His Son as found in Philippians 2:9-11): “ God also has highly exalted Him, and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and those on earth, and those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Christian parents are to teach their children of Jesus. One of the first songs they often learn to sing is ‘Jesus Loves Me’. If children are taught to speak the name of Jesus they will not be embarrassed to mention His precious name to others as they mature to adulthood. Please observed the truthfulness found in the following:

“Before your child has come to seven, teach him well the

Way to heaven!

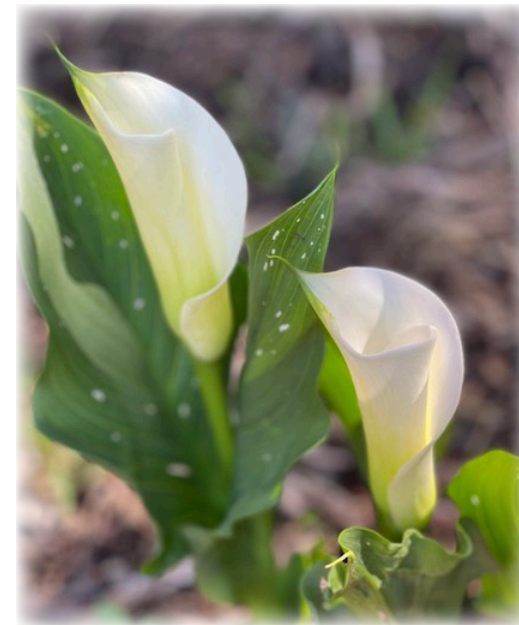
Better still the truth will thrive, if he knows it when he

Is five!

Better yet, if at your knee he learns it when he is only

Three!

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### Meeting Days and Times

Sunday ..... 9:00 am

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