

*Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal*

*Sermon for the Lord's Day*

**"Afflictions, Tribulations and Adversity"**



## **Welcome Brothers and Sisters!**

We are blessed this morning to have **Jordan Johnson** with us to present the **Lesson**. **Charles Barry** to lead our **Bible Class** and **Kerry Johnson** to lead us in **Song...** may God bless their efforts!

**It is so good to be together!**

*There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*

*1 Corinthians 10:13*

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

**Rose marie Johnson** - for improved health and strong mental fortitude

**Charles Barry** - for success and healing for his neck, back and hand pain.

**Paul McCollum** - for success for his eye surgery #1 and the upcoming #2.

Paul will not be preaching or teaching until at least July 20th because of his eyesight problems.

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

**John 8:31-32**

*Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. (And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*

The word "abide" in verse 31 can also be translated as "continue," "dwell," "remain," "be present" and "endure." It gives the sense of staying in a given place, state, relation, or expectancy. It does not indicate one merely inactively standing still but suggests consistently moving within a pattern. Jesus clearly states that truth makes a disciple free. However, He also emphasizes that the truth and the freedom it produces do not come in a moment of time.

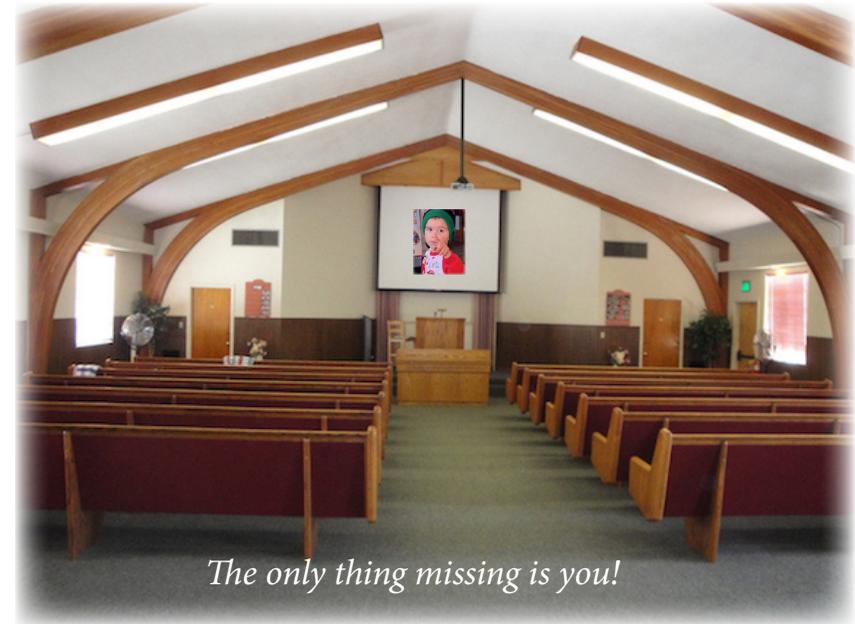
The truth of which He speaks indicates a broad and deep reality, a package containing many individual truths, not merely one. Thus, the package takes time to build, to accumulate, which is why a person must abide, pressing on, maintaining the freedom once it is given. The use of time is a costly investment that is not always easily made. Experience in Christian living proves that urgent needs arise in the defense of one's standing before God, and they cannot be dealt with leisurely. In addition, there is the everyday maintenance of discipline in one's life in securing our absolute need of study, prayer, and service to God and fellow man.

Truth and freedom go hand in hand, but truth will produce freedom only if it is used. This is why there must be a disciplined investment of time and energy by those who have truth and desire to protect and build their freedom. We might know something is true, but if we fail to use it, of what value is it? It would be like having money but never using it to buy or invest in anything. What good is it merely to possess it?

Truth and the freedom it produces accrue to those who press on, maintaining what they already have while simultaneously expanding and deepening it. The kind of freedom God is bringing us into comes progressively. We are to overcome, as Jesus admonishes us seven times in Revelation 2-3, and we are to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (II Peter 3:18).

— *John W. Ritenbaugh*

June 27, 2021



*The only thing missing is you!*

**Meeting Days and Times**

Sunday ..... 9:00 am

Wednesday (via Zoom) ..... Bible Class, singing & prayer - 6:00 pm

**What is Christ worth to you?**

**Is He worth studying the Word for?  
- 2 Timothy 2:15**

**Is He worth forsaking the world for?  
- James 4:4**

**Is He worth losing friends and  
family for? - Matthew 10:34-38**

**Is He worth being persecuted for?  
- 2 Timothy 3:12**

**Is He worth denying yourself for?  
- Luke 9:23-24**

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“The Bible shows how the world progresses. It begins with a garden,  
but ends with a Holy City.” — *Phillips Brooks*

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