

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

Sermon for the Lord's Day

"Guidance from Psalm 5"



Welcome Brothers and Sisters!

Once again we are blessed 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!

Happy Lord's Day and Happy Independence Day!

But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

Psalm 5:11

We are praying for you!

Judith McCollum - for God's blessing on her love and faithfulness to Hqim and her family.

Norma Decker - for good health and joy in the Lord.

Rose marie Johnson - foer improved health and strong mental fortitude

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

Paul McCollum - for healing from eye surgery #1 and success for the upcoming #2.

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

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

"LOVE YOURSELF"

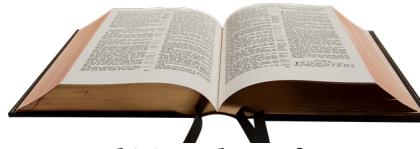
Raymond Elliott

"And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39). This statement made by our Lord was a partial answer to the question, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" The Savior had first replied "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:25-37). The thought of 'loving oneself' might seem to be rather selfish and arrogant; however, Jesus has taught us to love others in the manner we love ourselves. The apostle Paul wrote, "In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself" (Ephesians 5:28). But, the question might be raised as to why a person should love himself/herself.

We learn in Genesis 1:27 we learn, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." While man's physical body was formed of the dust of the earth, that part of man that pertains to his spirit, mind and soul, was made in the likeness of his creator. Man is not a product of a mere accident or by chance. The Great, August God, the Creator of heaven and earth was both the Designer and the Maker of man. Such knowledge caused the Psalmist to declare: "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well: (Psalms 139:14). Furthermore, God loved us and demonstrated that love by the giving of his only Son for our sins (John 3:16,17). "But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone". (Hebrews 2:9). Since God has made us and loved us, surely we ought to love ourselves.

We can have self-respect without conceit; concern for self without selfishness; and love for self that is void of vanity. We should not be possessed with an inferiority complex or an attitude of "I'm not worth anything." Jesus taught that the worth of one soul is more than the whole world (Matthew 16:26). Each one is indeed important in the sight of the Almighty God.

True happiness in this life comes from accepting ourselves as God has made us; and, in responding to the grace and love of the Heavenly Father by giving ourselves totally to His Son, Jesus Christ.



The Second Tuesday of Next Week
Dean Kelly

In old Popeye cartoons many years ago, Wimpy would try to get money for hamburgers from other characters and promise to pay “the second Tuesday of next week”! Obviously, the second Tuesday of next week would never come. I am afraid that sometimes we develop the second Tuesday syndrome.

Some wait for the second Tuesday to obey the Gospel. Nothing is more heart-rending than to see someone who seemed to always intend to obey the Gospel die outside of the ark of safety, lost and without God.

Some wait for the second Tuesday to start actively serving God in their lives. These folks have taken the initial steps in order to become Christians but seem to believe that baptism is the end, instead of the beginning. Too many will be left behind like the foolish virgins of Matthew 25.

Some wait for the second Tuesday to truly show and express their love for their families. How sad it is to watch an individual overwhelmed at the casket of a family member because he or she had failed to truly show his or her true love for that person, and then, it is too late.

I pray that we won't get caught up in the second Tuesday syndrome. May we take advantage of today. May we serve God today. May this day not end without showing our love for God by our service; may sleep not take us from this day into another without expressing our love for our families. The dangers of the second Tuesday of next week are obvious, but that attitude is a trap into which we could easily fall.

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“Christians must learn again what Christians have always known — how to live without immediate hopes in the world.” — T. R. Milford

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Meeting Days and Times

Sunday 9:00 am

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

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