

*Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal*

*Sermon for the Lord's Day*

*"Peace"*



**Welcome Brothers and Sisters!**

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!

*Our Lord's Day  
Plan...*

**~ Happy Lord's Day ~**

*These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

*John 16:33*

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

**Charles Barry** - for his physical therapy that begins this week.

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

**Rose marie Johnson** - for improved health and good sleep

**Bobby Glover** - for keeping the faith in his difficult situation.

**Rob Redden** - for continued sound Bible lessons he provides over You Tube.

**All those with sleep problems** - for sleep that gives the blessings of rest and pleasant dreams.

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

## **Time Management**

Living the way God wants us to live requires the proper consciousness, commitment, and management of time. Paul exhorted, "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is" (Ephesians 5:15-17).

What did Paul mean when he said, "walk circumspectly"? The word "circumspectly" (akribos) means "accurately" and "carefully." Walking "accurately" and "carefully" is our goal as Christians.

What did Paul mean when he said, "redeeming the time"? W. E. Vine said that the word "redeeming" (exagorazo) means "to buy up for oneself" or "buying up the opportunity." It suggests the idea of using our time and opportunities to the fullest. That is what we must do as Christians.

What are your plans? Are you planning to be steadfast and to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord (2 Peter 3:17-18)? Those are worthy goals! Are you planning to worship God regularly (Hebrews 10:24-25)? That is a worthy goal! Are you planning to teach others about Jesus (Mark 16:15-16)? That, too, is a worthy goal! Are you planning on bearing fruit in His vineyard (John 15:1-8)? What a worthy goal! Are you planning to grow in the Christian graces (2 Peter 1:5-11)? Wonderful!

To do these things we must do three things: (1) we must "understand what the will of the Lord is," (2) we must "walk circumspectly," and (3) we must commit ourselves to "redeeming the time." We must align our priorities! We must "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33). Time management is life management!

Dwight Fuqua

**Hebrews 11:9-10**

*(9) By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; (10) for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*

Abraham left Ur by faith, and it was also by faith that Abraham left Haran. He sojourned in the Promised Land by faith as well. Nowhere does it say how Abraham knew that Canaan was where he was to remain or even that it was indeed the Land of Promise. We will pursue how he knew in a later article.

We are told that despite becoming quite wealthy, and with the exception of a burial place for Sarah and himself, never owning a piece of land, he lived the entire time in tents and that the Canaanites lived in the land with him (Genesis 13:2; 23:1-20). This establishes another general pattern for his faithful children. In every sense of the word, he was a pilgrim. No matter where he lived or what were his economic circumstances, he purchased no land—he never even built a house!

Beyond this, the Bible reveals little social interaction with others outside of his family. Except for a league made with his nearest neighbors, Abraham made no alliances, nor took any part in the politics or the religions of the people of the land. He lived this way for one hundred years. Isaac and Jacob shared the same pattern of life.

God shows us all of this so we might see that virtually Abraham’s entire post-calling life was engaged in living by faith, focused on maintaining his relationship with God. He truly was in the world but not of it. He did not cultivate its friendship but used it as necessity required, though in a guarded way, lest he should in some way abuse his privileges with God.

— John W. Ritenbaugh

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**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.

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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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