

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

Sermon for the Lord's Day

"Alignment"



Jordan

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 ~

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people."

2 Corinthians 6:16

We are praying for you!

Charles Barry - for his physical therapy helping rid him of pain.

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

Rose marie Johnson - for improved health and good sleep.

George Brown - for the stoppage of his interrenal bleeding and better health.

Cindy Brown -for peace and less anxiety during this time of her husbands illness.

Jennnifer McCollum - for healing from the COVID-19 she has.

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

The Mediation Of Christ

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The Master said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). Jesus Christ is our Savior, our Mediator, our High Priest, and our Advocate.

Jesus Christ is our SAVIOR. The angel directed Joseph to "call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). When Peter told the Sanhedrin about Jesus Christ of Nazareth, he declared, "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). The word "Savior" (soter) means "deliverer." Jesus Christ is our Savior.

Jesus Christ is our MEDIATOR. Paul wrote, "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and man, the Man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5). The word "mediator" (mesites) literally means "go between." As our Mediator He is "the one who seeks to resolve the differences between two conflicting parties" – God and us! As God incarnate, He is eminently qualified to do this. He "was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). Jesus Christ is our Mediator!

Jesus Christ is our HIGH PRIEST. In Hebrews 4, "Jesus the Son of God" is identified as our "great High Priest who has passed through the heavens" (verse 14). He can "sympathize with our weakness" (verse 15). Because He is our High Priest we can "hold fast our confession" (verse 14) and "come boldly to the throne of grace" (verse 16). From the shadow of the Levitical priesthood, we learn that the role of the "High Priest" (archiereus) is to offer sacrifice for the people and to mediate on their behalf. As our Savior, Jesus "appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself" and as our Mediator He went "into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us" (Hebrews 9:24-26). Jesus Christ is our High Priest!

Jesus Christ is our ADVOCATE. John wrote, "My little children, these I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1). The word "Advocate" (parakletos) literally means "called to one's side." Jesus Christ is "counsel for the defense." He is the One who pleads our cause before the Father. He is "the right-

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teous.” Jesus Christ is our Advocate!

He is our Savior! He is our Mediator! He is our High Priest! He is our Advocate! Thus, we see the mediation of Christ. Simply stated, we come to God through Jesus Christ! We express our gratitude to God through Him (Romans 1:8). We glorify God through Him (Romans 16:27). We have victory over death through Him (1 Corinthians 15:57). We are heirs of God through Him (Galatians 4:7). We have access to the Father through Him (Ephesians 2:18). We have eternal life through Him (Romans 6:23). Our response can only be, “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift” (2 Corinthians 9:15).

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BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS!

STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH: “Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” (I Cor. 15:56 NIV)

BE COURAGEOUS: “But Christ, as the Son, is in charge of God’s entire house. And we are God’s house, if we keep our courage and remain confident in our hope in Christ.” (Heb. 3:6 NLT) The opposite of courage is cowardice. The word coward is mentioned only one time in the Bible. See if you can find the reference.

BE STRONG: It is not our strength but God’s great power in us that enables us to be the light of the world. “Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.” (Eph. 6:10 NIV)

Elizabeth Brown, Texarkana, TX

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“If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” — John 8:31-32

Thought

Truth is not something we know, it is something we live. Jesus reminds us that we must not only know his teaching, but also obey it. However, obedience is one of the proofs of our discipleship and doorway to freedom and truth.

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Baptism Stands Between The Sinner And:

- New Birth – Jn. 3:5
- Salvation – Mk. 16:16
- Remission of Sins – Acts 2:38
- Sins Blotted Out – Acts 3:19
- Sins Washed Away – Acts 22:16
- Fellowship With Christ – Rom. 6:3-4
- The Church – 1 Cor. 12:13
- Answer of A Good Conscience – 1 Pet. 3:21

Meeting Days and Times

Sunday 9:00 am

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

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