

*Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal*

## *Sermon for the Lord's Day*

### **"The Church at Laodicea" (7)**



## **Welcome Brothers and Sisters!**

**Paul** is with us to present the **Lesson**. **Charles Barry** will lead our **Bible Class** and **Kerry Johnson** will lead us in **Song...** may God bless their efforts!

*Our Lord's Day Plan...*

**~ Happy Lord's Day ~**

*For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*

*Revelation 22:18-19*

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

- Gollapalli Sunil Raju** - for the work he is doing to spread God's Word to the lost.
- Glenda Rowland** - for complete healing from her heck surgery.
- Judy McCollum** - for relief from the pain of her twisted knee.
- David Smith** - for spritual guidance and his return to the Lord.
- The Alisal Congregation** - for more people added to our group of Christians.

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

## **True Love Takes Time**

Denny Petrillo

Although Song of Solomon 2:7 is frequently misunderstood, when seen in its context, it provides a valuable lesson about love. Here, the Shulamite woman talked to a group of women. These women, like most women of any age, longed for a loving relationship. The Shulamite woman said, in effect, "Don't rush it."

In my years of marriage counseling, I have sadly heard a common refrain from numerous wives: "I wish I hadn't jumped into this so quickly!" For various reasons, they seized the opportunity for marriage (financial security? get away from home? thought she would eventually grow into love? thought this might be her only chance? others thought he was the right man?). Yet, after a year or so (sometimes much sooner), she realized that she made a mistake.

Jesus taught that marriage is for life (Matthew 19:3-6). Once one makes the decision, it is a decision with which one must live. As a matter of fact, He explained later (19:9) that the only reason for divorce and remarriage was if one's mate committed fornication. This teaching led the disciples to say, "If such is the case... it is better not to marry" (Matthew 19:10). What they were saying is, "If you are bound to one for one's whole life, you might think seriously about getting married at all!" Not all men can make such a choice. They need to have a wife (1 Corinthians 7:1). Yet, the general point of the disciples is a good one. This is far too important a decision to jump into quickly.

The words of the Shulamite are wise words for today. Don't rush it. Let love take its natural course. If it is true love, it will show itself in time. That way, when the decision is made to marry, you'll know it was the right decision.

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## **The New Jerusalem**

The glory of the holy city is described further by noting that there is no temple, for God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. There is no need for the sun or moon, for the glory of God and the Lamb illuminate the city. Its gates are never shut, there is no night there, and the nations of the saved along with the kings of the earth bring their honor and glory into it. Only those written in the Lamb's book of life enter this glorious city, ensuring that it remains free from any abomination and defilement (Revelation 21:22-27).

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**ONE EGG**

This morning I held in my hand one boiled egg and I asked my Beloved how many eggs do you see? She replied “one”. I then asked her what it was on the one egg that I was peeling from the egg and she replied, “the shell”. I took a bite of the one egg and I asked this time what do you see? And she answered, “the yellow.” I asked her one more time how many eggs she saw before I began to peel the egg and she replied, “one”. And, yet, she identified three parts of the one egg before and after I began to eat the one egg. This is so common to us that we simply accept the ingredients of an egg that God made it that way.

**ONE GOD**

The Bible clearly states there is one God! (Deuteronomy 6:4; Ephesians 4:6!) However, we read in Matthew 3:16 when Jesus was baptized that the “Spirit of God” descended like a dove. Then the Father said from heaven, “This is my Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased”. Here you have, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. There is one God but also you have “one Lord and “one Spirit” (Ephesian 4:4-6). While the word “Trinity” is not mentioned in the Bible, it is evident there is one God but 3 distinct personalities, all having the same essence.

Now I can see that an egg is one but has three parts. I accept this though I may not understand how God made the egg as it is. In my finite mind, I surely do not understand how there is one God but has three distinct personalities - but I accept it by faith because the inspired Word of God teaches it! After all, believers “walk by faith, not by sight”! (2 Corinthians 5:7)

*Raymond Elliott*

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Who was the best female finance lady in the Bible? Pharaoh’s daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.



*Looking west from Fremont Peak*

**Meeting Days and Times**

**Sunday ..... 9:00 am**

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

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