

*Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal*

*Sermon for the Lord's Day*

**Overcoming Grumbling (# 1)**



**Welcome Brothers and Sisters!**

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

*Our Lord's Day  
Plan...*

**~ Happy Lord's Day ~**

*Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.  
2 Peter 3:13*

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

**George and Cindy Brown**- for George's Colon Cancer operation on January 21.  
**James Watkins** - for recovery from his accident and to come home from the hospital.  
**Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Inc.**- for help and delivery of supplies to the Colorado fire victims and the flood and storm victims in the south and eastern parts of our country.  
**The church worldwide** - for all of us living more faithfully.

**DOES IT MATTER HOW WE DRESS WHEN WE COME TO WORSHIP?**

Jerry Jenkins and Mack Lyons

I am absolutely appalled at the attire of some church members. Is this just my age or is there a problem developing? When I was growing up, I recall so vividly my mother every Saturday night getting our clothes ready for Sunday. It was the one day of the week that we would "look our very best." We were going to worship God! Now I see young and old coming to worship this same God in clothing that would not meet our local school code. Physiologists have known for a long time that dress does have influence on behavior. Slouchy dress creates slouchy work in school. This has led some high schools, colleges, universities, and even some work places to insist that their student/ employees dress as though they were serious about their work. I am not suggesting that every man wear a white shirt and tie. I am saying that the importance of worship should cause us to want to give some special attention to our appearance. Make no mistake about it; shorts, tank-tops, T-shirts advertising beer, rock groups, and beer taverns send a message about the wearer. Most respectable eating places have a sign, "No shirt, no shoes, no service." Are we approaching the day when such signs would be appropriate for the house of worship? What has happened to the human race? Have we no self-respect? People appear in public everywhere un-washed, uncombed, unshaven, untrimmed, unshod, even undressed, and generally unkempt with no apparent shame at all! Is there nothing appropriate? Or immodest? One might expect this from those who walk after the flesh, but who would have ever dreamed that Christians who are led by godly principles would be so much like the world? Even elders' and deacons' children come to services with seemingly little regard for the example that church leaders families should set. The Bible tells us that "the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart" (1 Sam. 16:7). Are we going to misuse and abuse this Scripture so badly that we endorse a state of decadence? It is true that God does not have a dress code for worship! A true spirit of awe, reverence, and worship dictates that Christians going to worship would not dress as Christians going to some sporting event. I encourage every Christian here to have a poor and contrite spirit (Isa. 66:2). Let us have the attitude spoken by the writer of Hebrews in Hebrews 12:28-29: "let us have

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grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire.” I encourage our young ladies to wear dresses and skirts that are not so short when they are sitting that nothing is left to the imagination. I encourage our young ladies and young men to be modest in their dress when coming to worship or when coming to work for God. If your parents are unthoughtful, please take the initiative to do right. If your parents are too old to remember what “lust” is, you dress in such a manner that you will never be a contributing actor to another’s lustful eye. No! God does not have a dress-code for worship and work! Of course He does not. He assumes the humble, worshipping heart will dictate proper attire and behavior. A true spirit of awe, reverence, and worship dictates dignity and propriety in dress and demeanor. God does not command us to kneel or stand or bow our heads when we pray, but doing so manifests a humility of heart that honors and respects the; sovereign God whom we praise and petition. So does proper dress.

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**Amazing to Think About!**

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*“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.” (Philippians 2:5-8)*

That Jesus made the choice to leave a perfect existence in the beauty and bliss of heaven to live upon the earth for a time is amazing to think about.

Now think about this: Jesus could have come as a rich, powerful ruler, but instead chose the life of the common man. And He was also tempted in every way as we are and yet remained sinless (Hebrews 4:15). He then bore the guilt of our sins in great humiliation upon the cross – all for us (1 Peter 2:24). It’s all amazing to think about.

But the most amazing thing to think about is this: Jesus became like us so that we could become like Him (1 John 3:2)!

He died for us; let’s live for him and we will have amazing things to think about for eternity!

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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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