

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

Sermon for the Lord's Day
“Man-Made and Divine Traditions (Part 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!

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~ **Happy Lord's Day** ~

*Our Lord's Day
Plan...*

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Colossians 2:8

We are praying for you!

All people outside the Body of Christ - for them to hear of the saving power of Christ.

The church worldwide - for all of us adding to our faith, virtue.

Mark your Calendar ~~Cancelled due to illness!~~ **Set to illness!**
and Saturday Breakfast at Santa Cruz February 12

Life With A Purpose

J. Noel Merideth

Our life upon this earth is of few days and full of trouble. Some days are the best of times; some days are the worst of times. There are moments that look like the spring of hope; others look like the winter of despair. Through it all we need to live a life with purpose and meaning. We all seek happiness as the world lashes about us.

Something to Do. Paul wrote, "...this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14). Paul says he was pressing toward the mark. He was pressing on with contentment. He had learned in whatsoever state he was in to be content (Phil. 4:11). To be happy in life we all need something to do; we need a mission to fill. Let us stand for the right and not lose sight of our duty to serve the Lord, do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

Someone to Love. "We love him, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). It brings happiness to love God. We are to love the Lord with all our heart. He first loved us and we should return our love. We also need our family and friends to love. To visit with friends and enjoy good times together brings sunshine into our days.

Something to Hope For. "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began" (Titus 1:2). The hope of heaven keeps us going through sickness, pain, disappointment, suffering and hardship. In fact, these present sufferings are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed. God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes; and there shall be no more death, sorrow, crying, nor pain. On that fair shore we shall serve the Lord with perfect bliss. There we shall be with and know our loved ones whom we have known in our life (1 Thess. 2:19).

Christ in You is the Faith in You

Mark McWhorter

Second Corinthians 13:5 reads, “Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? — unless indeed you are disqualified” (NKJV). In this verse, Paul said each needs to look to his mind and actions to determine if they are in “the faith.” The definite article “the” is in the Greek, which means this is not talking about just a personal belief but about the system of belief (faith) or doctrine. There are rules and regulations that can measure one’s life and beliefs. To be “in the faith” means to be in the system of rules and regulations. Otherwise, Paul would have stated they should have faith, but he said people need to be “in the faith.”

Then, Paul stated that Christians have Jesus Christ living in them unless they are reprobates. So, if they are not living “in the faith,” Christ is not in them. If they do not have Christ living in them, they are not “in the faith.” This goes against what many religious leaders today teach. They say Christ can be in you if you just say you have a belief in Him. Some say nothing you do or think after that acceptance will take Christ from you. Some say there is no law that you must obey. Paul said a person must examine himself. If there is nothing I can do to alter my eternal destiny, then why bother to examine anything?

This letter to the Corinthians was written to Christians. Paul did not tell unbelievers that they must examine themselves (although this is a true principle). Paul told Christians that they must find themselves in the faith or they do not have Christ in them. Some religious leaders try to say that if the person examined himself and found he was not in Christ, then, he was never really in Christ. Yet, the very first verse in the letter says Paul was writing to “saints.” If these saints were not really Christians, then Paul would have been mistaken and not really inspired by the Holy Spirit. However, the apostle correctly addressed the epistle to “saints” or Christians, and he was divinely inspired.

Study your Bible. Learn all you can, and make sure you find Christ in you and confirm that you are in the faith.

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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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