

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

Sermon for the Lord's Day

“Everyone Goes to Heaven?”



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** ~

For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:20

We are praying for you!

Ray Wilson - for prayers of comfort to the family for Ray's passing this past Friday.

Judy McCollum - for relief from her hip and nerve pain.

Sunilraju Gollapalli - for wisdom on how best to share the gospel of Christ in India.

Rosemarie Johnson - for relief from her physical problems.

Charles Barry - for his well being and health.

The People of Ukraine - for safety and peace, especially those of the Lord's Church.

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

***Men's Business Meeting today followed by sharing a meal
at a local restaurant - everyone is invited!***

Gave Himself for Us

Mark McWhorter

We read in Galatians 2:20, *“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me”* (NKJV). In Galatians 2, Paul dealt with individuals who were trying to convince Christians to live by part of the Old Law – the Law of Moses. He said that anyone who did that would take away the liberty they have in Christ and put themselves into bondage to the Old Law. He told them that he even had to confront Peter when he gave preference to Jewish Christians over Gentile Christians. Paul wrote that Christians are not justified by the Old Law but through the New Law. All the justification that comes through the New Law is based on faith in Jesus Christ (v. 16). No man could be justified by the Old Law. All Christians must be justified by Christ (v.17). This, then, is explained further in verse 20 above. The life a person lives as a Christian is only possible because Christ, the Son of God, was willing to die by crucifixion according to the will of the Father. If He had not done that, we could not be Christians or have justification in the sight of the Father.

Paul said Christ gave Himself for us. Many would interpret that to mean he died in our place. It is correct that he died in our place, but this phrase in the Greek language used the word *huper*. That word means above or over. He died to cover us and be over us. This connects us to the atonement of the Old Testament. Atonement only came by the shedding of blood. Atonement means a covering. Jesus Christ died to cover us and make us pure in the eyes of God. Thus, we are in Christ because He covers us. He protects us and cleanses us from the fiery darts of Satan.

Study your Bible. Learn how to get into Christ. Learn what is necessary to obtain the atonement of Christ. If any of this is hard to understand, ask an adult to help you.

