

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

Sermon for the Lord's Day

“Paul's Thorn in the Flesh”



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** ~

In your hearts, set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. —

1 Peter 3:15

We are praying for you!

Judy McCollum - for safe travels to and from Oregon over the next two weeks.

Sunilraju Gollapalli - for healing from his eye infection.

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.

Dear Father, lead us in the way of truth! In Jesus name, Amen.

God Is Fighting For Us!

Mark T. Tonkery

“Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the Lord, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha” (2 Kings 6:16-18).

With all the talk of war lately, it is comforting to know that God's army is larger than any army in the world, including Satan's. As Christians, we are fighting in a spiritual war where Satan seems to be winning. Satan fools us into believing that he has won the battles that we face and because we believe this we give up and quit. When Satan tries to make us give up, we need to be reminded that God is much stronger than Satan could ever imagine.

For those who trust in Jesus as their Lord and Savior, God will give victory over Satan. God's precious Word tells us that Christ has the power to overcome sin and death (Romans 8:37). Thus, by obeying His Word, we as Christians can benefit from Christ's victory. We as Christians must remember that our God is great, powerful, and almighty. When we are faced with difficult times may we remember the advice of Elisha in 2 Kings 6:16-18, “Don't be afraid...Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

God can do amazing things when our eyes are open to His will. God will fight for us and will help us win the battles of life. May we always remember that God is fighting for us!

March 13, 2022

Jesus replied [to the woman at Jacob's well], "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life." —

John 4:13-14

Thought:

So often, we settle for façade and not substance. All too frequently, we take the shortcut and miss the destination. But there is no shortcut to spiritual fulfillment. Only Jesus can supply the water that our thirsty souls desire. Only he can fill the emptiness and the ache. An amazing promise about Jesus' gift, his blessing, his refreshment, is that it is lasting. This water that Jesus gives is a spring of water, not a cistern. It is living, not static or stagnant. This water gives life, and this life provides more water. (Later in his ministry, Jesus' makes clear this water is the Holy Spirit. [1]) God comes to live in us through the Holy Spirit. God fills us with his life through the Holy Spirit. God cleanses and transforms us by his Spirit. God quenches our thirst with the Holy Spirit that Jesus gives.

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N ETERNAL QUESTION: CAN I CHANGE?

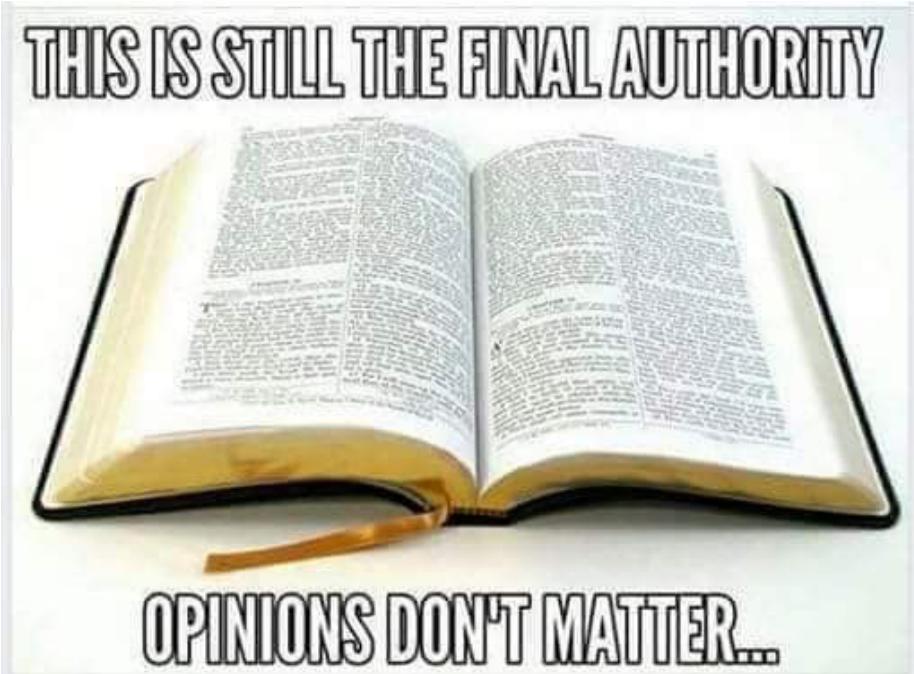
John 3 and 4

When a man or woman is confronted with the truth about Jesus Christ, there is a question that ought to ring loudly within the soul: "Can I change?" Nicodemus (John 3) seemed to be such a man. The woman at the well (John 4) seemed to be such a woman. Their positions in life were near opposites, one a religious leader, the other one of questionable morality. Both were confronted by the truth about Jesus, and both had decisions to make. Compare and contrast these meetings with Jesus, and what decisions the two had to make, then apply those concepts to your listeners

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Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.



Meeting Days and Times

Sunday 9:00 am

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

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