

*Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal*

## *Sermon for the Lord's Day*

# **Why Do People Choose Not To Obey the Gospel?**



**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** ~

*Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower...  
Matthew 13:18*

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

**Judy McCollum** - for safe travels to and from Oregon -she will be visiting family and hopefully resting for a few days. Judy will be greatly missed.

**Rosemarie Johnson** - for relief from her nerve and back pain.

**Norma Decker** - has been moved to Pacific Care Center, 720 Romie Lane, Salinas, CA, 93901. Please keep Norma in your prayers.

*Jesus said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. — Luke 9:23-24*

## **God's Design in the World Around Us**

*Matt Clifton*

*In the late 1700's, a fellow named William Paley gave an illustration about how we look at the world around us. He said that if you were walking through a field and came across a watch on the ground, you would not think that watch came about naturally. Instead, you would recognize that because of the complexity of the watch with all its gears and organization, someone must have made that watch. Why is it that we do not recognize the same thing when we look at the complex world around us?*

*The Bible says that the heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows His handiwork (Psa. 19:1). When we truly examine the solar system in which the earth resides, and the galaxy, and all the other galaxies around us, it is clear that there is an amazing level of organization.*

*Likewise, when we look at the world on the cellular level, we see this same complex organization. Cells are organized like factories, with specialized parts working together for a common purpose. The very DNA that produces new cells in our body carries information on how to do this. Information must come from intelligence, not from random chance.*

*This sort of design that is evident in the universe points us to a Creator. Because this design exists, the Bible declares that "the fool has said in his heart that there is no God" (Psa. 14:1). Since God has made Himself evident through His creation, man is without excuse (Rom. 1:18-22). Mark and remember these passages as God's word on the evidence of creation.*



### ***Followers of Christ...***

*First Thessalonians 1:6-8 demonstrates three qualities of the Thessalonian Christians as they "became followers of Christ." They EMBRACED the word of God (1:6), they became EXAMPLES to other believers (1:7), and they were active in EVANGELISM (1:8).*

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## Don't Quit

God's looking for a few good men (well, as many as will apply).

Men who are not in this to preach at the biggest church out there but to be as effective as they can be.

Men who will study the Bible one on one with people.

Men who want to work hard in His Work.

Men who are tough and won't quit at the first sign of trouble.

Men who equip their faith to handle hardship, criticism, and not being appreciated.

Men who are doggedly committed to the Word.

Men who will care for His people.

Men who will encourage their fellow servants and avoid jealousy.

Men who are passionate in their presentation of Truth.

Men who can sacrifice their own opinions and feelings for the good of the Kingdom.

Men who will be faithful in their work, to the Word, and to His Family.

He needs YOU! Don't quit.



### Meeting Days and Times

Sunday ..... 9:00 am

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

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