

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

Sermon for the Lord's Day

"Do We Compromise..."#2



Welcome Brothers and Sisters!

Charles Barry will lead our **Bible Class** and **Kerry Johnson** will lead us in **Song**, **Paul McCollum** will present the **Lesson**. may

God bless their efforts!

*Our Lord's Day
Plan...*

~ **Happy Lord's Day** ~

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity.

Proverbs 3:1-2

We are praying for you!

Judy and I have returned from our son in Oregon and are looking forward to getting back to work for the Lord. We had a great visit and really enjoyed ourselves and Jennifer and Logan's beautiful family as well as their home and property. They live in a very nice area and have made many improvements to their property. A true labor of love.

We worshipped with the church in Newberg on Sunday and were greeted with open arms. It was so good being with the saints.

Come, You Blessed of My Father

Gary C. Hampton

Gary C. Hampton Jesus told three parables in Matthew 25 regarding the end of the world. The last is often called the Parable of the Judgment, though the Lord gave it no name. He depicted Himself on His glorious throne with all nations gathered before Him. He said that He will then divide all of humanity into two groups. The group on His right hand, which is the hand of power, will hear him say, "...Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matthew 25:34 NKJV).

Then, Jesus listed six separate acts of service done for others as the reason those on the right hand will be invited (Matthew 25:35-36). McGarvey says, "The acts here enumerated indicate more than a mere outlay of money. They are not such as are the offspring of impulse, but such as call for the sacrifice of time, strength, sympathy, etc., and clearly demonstrate the fullness of the Christian life" (639).

True love for the brethren, without which one cannot claim to love God, will motivate one to act on behalf of those beloved brethren. "But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:17-18). Only an active, loving faith is truly alive (1 Corinthians 13:1-3).

Jesus said those bidden to enter asked when they ever saw the Lord in such situations and helped Him. He replied, "...Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me" (Matthew 25:40). This explains the Lord's question to Saul as to why he persecuted Him (Acts 9:4). Jesus so closely identifies with the members of His body that to hurt or to help them is to do the same to Him. May God help us to seize every opportunity to help those in need, especially our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Have You Packed for Evangelism?

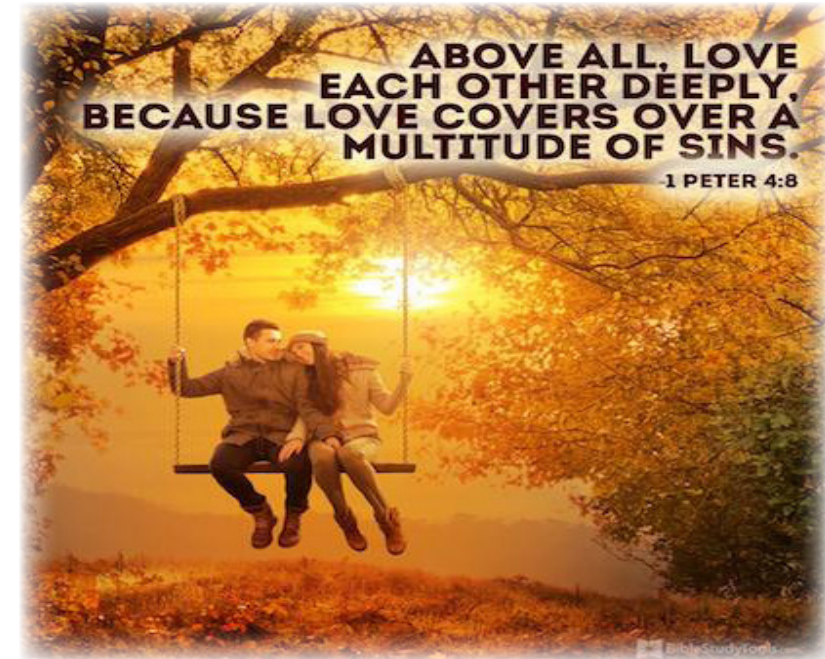
Brian Kenyon

Recently, I spoke to a brother in the hospital. He was there because his primary care physician told him to check himself in through the emergency room so his symptoms could be stabilized, and a specialist could see him. This brother, who made it a point to pray with his doctors and nurses, had already passed out business card-sized invitations to the local church's services and was equipped with a few sets of Back to the Bible personal evangelism booklets, just in case people at the hospital accepted his invitation to a Bible study. This brother revealed in the conversation that his usual overnight bag consists of personal evangelism tools because, "You never know when you'll need them to teach people the Gospel." Here is a brother who was packed for evangelism. What a great example!

The apostle Paul stated, "I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also" (Romans 1:14-15 NKJV). Paul revealed two tremendous attitudes that are necessary for personal evangelism. First, he felt an obligation to all people (Romans 1:14). The word translated "debtor" refers to someone who is "under obligation" (ESV). Although this particular verse does not identify why Paul felt the obligation, an examination of his life suggests that at least part of it was that he himself was forgiven so great a debt of sin that he saw the need – the obligation – to let as many people know that they too could receive the same forgiveness (1 Timothy 1:12-17). Second, Paul was "ready" (NKJV) or "eager" (ESV)," which is translated from a word that refers to willingness or eagerness. It is used in only two other places, where Jesus said, "...The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matthew 26:41 NKJV; Mark 14:38).

When we realize the forgiveness God has given us, feel indebted to let as many people know forgiveness is also available to them. Be willing to bring that good news to others by making sure your daily lives are packed for evangelism. We never know when the opportunity will come to engage in a Bible study with someone else!

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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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