

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

Sermon for the Lord's Day
"Knowing the God of David" #1



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** ~

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

Psalm 46:10

We are praying for you!

Please pray for our country and our leaders... all three branches of our great government. Pray for the people and citizens of our land and the positive changes they may work for during these troubled times. Pray that all Gpd's people do all in their power to spread God's message of salvation and redemption as well as to spread God's love to all mankind. Have a blessed week!

Men's Business Meeting, fellowship and potluck, and meeting with Sylvester to explain our new camera system today.

Should We Preach Jesus and Ignore Doctrine?

Dan Jenkins

Sometimes we hear individuals say, "Why should we be so concerned about doctrine? We should just preach Jesus and ignore doctrine. Preaching doctrine creates division, but preaching Jesus will bring unity." Those who say these things often are motivated to bring about harmony among those who follow Jesus, but we must begin by asking, "What does the Bible teach about the importance of doctrine?" Think about all you would have to give up if you never preached doctrine.

If I gave up all doctrine, I could never preach about Jesus' resurrection. When Paul was teaching in the marketplace in Athens he proclaimed the resurrection of Jesus. He was taken to the Acropolis where he was questioned by the Greek philosophers. They said, "May we know what this new doctrine is of which you speak" (Acts 17:18-19)?

If I gave up all doctrine, I could never preach about the sermon on the mount. Matthew devoted three chapters to this amazing lesson taught by Jesus. It is filled with moral teachings like the beatitudes, Christian influence as salt and light, loving our neighbors, humility in prayer, the goodness of God in His providence, the Golden Rule, etc. "When Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at His doctrine; for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes" (Matt. 7:28-29). If I cannot preach doctrine, I cannot preach the sermon on the mount!

If I gave up all doctrine, I could never preach about the parables of Jesus. Mark described the preaching of Jesus. "And He taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in His doctrine..." (Mark 4:2). Jesus spoke more than 30 parables, but I could not use them. I could not tell about the prodigal son, the good Samaritan, the pearl of great price, the wise builder, etc. How can I preach about Jesus without using His parables, but they are doctrine!

If I gave up all doctrine, I could never free men from sin. Paul described the salvation of the Romans using these words, "But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves

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of righteousness” (Rom. 6:17-18). If the heartfelt obedience to doctrine brought freedom from sin, how can anyone, who loves the lost, minimize the preaching of doctrine?

Take time to use your concordance to read all the Bible says about doctrine. Do this with a sincere heart and you will never again speak of separating Jesus from doctrine. Take time to study the Bible, it’s not that hard to understand!

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Home Is Where The Heart Is

By Ed Wittlif

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth...but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:19-21).

One thing that stands out as I read God’s word is that this world which is so real to me isn’t real at all. Paul pictures our physical bodies as tents and our real body will be obtained in heaven, a body fit to house our spirit throughout eternity. (II Corinthians 5:1-2).

There is a better place than this world. The roll call of great people of faith seeking that heavenly country is found in Hebrews 11. Their attitude was that they were strangers here. Their treasures were laid up in heaven.

We need to learn to live like pilgrims in this world. We are only passing through and there is a home, a country so superior waiting for us. If God is all that is in heaven, then that is enough. The word pictures in the scriptures tell us that heaven will be awesome.

Therefore, don’t put down roots here. Don’t settle in and get comfortable here. Don’t put you desires here and do not put your treasures in this place. This world is only temporary, a shadowland as it were. There is no security here. In Matthew 6:19-21 Jesus reminds us our treasures entrusted on the earth can be destroyed or stolen. But what we lay up in heaven cannot be destroyed or stolen.

We have to examine our hearts daily and decide to keep our eyes focused on the path leading to heaven.

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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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