

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

Planting and Producing

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Sermon for the Lord's Day

Obedient Faith (Part 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

*Our Lord's Day
Plan...*

God bless their efforts!
~ **Happy Lord's Day** ~

His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Matthew 25:21

We are praying for you!

The Lord's Church - for sharing the Word and being a living example.

The homeless in Salinas - for safety and a safe place to live.

Felix - for his heart being turned to Christ through the efforts of sister Rosenarie.

Mayra Lopez - for her heart being turned to Christ through the efforts of sister Rose-narie.

Gospel Preacher Sunl - for all his work for and with the **Church of Christ India Mis-sion Work**.

Mens's Business Meeting with fellowship and a meal this morning after sorship!

Farmers have planted the seed for this year's crops as evident by the plants of various kinds now growing. Even we who have gardens annually anticipate the time when we can enjoy working the soil. It is also a wonderful experience to be able to enjoy vegetables from the garden. There is an age-old truth that we would like to bring to your attention once again, and that is, you always reap as you have sown. This seems very simple and elementary, but it is very profound.

In the study of the Parable of the Sower or Soils, as recorded in Luke 8, we learn that Jesus used the common and known to teach spiritual truths to those of sincere and honest hearts (8:10). Jesus said that the Seed is the Word of God (Luke 8:11). God's power of salvation today is the Gospel of His Son (Romans 1:16). The Word never changes. It will always produce after its kind. The soil is also most important because it represents the various kinds of hearts. If there is a failure in reaping, such cannot be blamed on the Seed, for therein is the God-given power to germinate and reproduce. James wrote that we should "receive with meekness the im-planting word, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21). Peter declared that we have "been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever" (1 Peter 1:23). Wherein is the failure to produce? It must be in the soil or the heart of a man. Some hearts are like the hard ground, while others are like the stony or thorny ground. Please notice the following observa-tions.

In order for the Seed (the Word) to be effective and to produce, the soil (the heart – mind or soul) must necessarily be prepared in order to receive the Seed (the Word or Gospel). It is written that Rehoboam did that which was evil "because he did not prepare his heart to seek the Lord" (2 Chronicles 12:14). In contrast, we read of a faithful servant of God. "For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel" (Ezra 7:10).

The Seed (the Gospel) must be sown (preached). The Seed (the Word) must be sown (taught). This is the responsibility of sowers (Christians). Jesus commanded His disciples to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to everyone (Mark 16:15).

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The more seed that is sown, the greater the harvest will be. Are we sowing the Seed of the kingdom as we should?

The Seed (the Word) will always produce after its kind. In Genesis 1:11-12, we learn, "Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth'; and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good." This principle is true in the moral and spiritual kingdom, too. The apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 6:7-8, "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life."

Whenever the Gospel of Christ is taught and obeyed, only Christians and churches of Jesus Christ are produced. One can be a Christian today just like in the first century by obeying the same Gospel of Jesus Christ. When a penitent believer is immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, the Lord adds that person to His church (Acts 2:36-38, 47). The Word of God only produces Christians only!

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Bible Quiz: Revelation 8:1-6

"When He opened the ___ seal, there was ___ in heaven for about half an hour." How many angels are said to stand before God in this section? What object did the angel hold who came and stood at the altar? "And the smoke of the ___, with the ___ of the saints, ascended..."

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"At times all of us experience fear. But don't allow fear to keep you from being used by God. He has kept you thus far; trust Him for the rest of the way." —

Woodroll Kroll

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The only thing missing is you!

Meeting Days and Times

Sunday 9:00 am

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

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