

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

Sermon for the Lord's Day

“MAKING CHANGE”



Welcome Brothers and Sisters!

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

*Our Lord's Day
Plan...*

may God bless their efforts!

~ **Happy Lord's Day** ~

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass;...

Revelation 1:1

We are praying for you!

Raymond Elliott - for recovery from the pacemaker procedure he will have this coming Wednesday -28 December.

Charles Barry - for comfort with his physical issues the changes of advancing age.

Kerry and Rose Johnson - for positive results with working with their grand children.

Cindy and George Brown - for God's comfort and the doctors healing George's rash on his back.

Annette Barry - for getting over her sinus infection and back to good health.

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

An Easy-To-Remember Overview of the New Testament

Mark Lindley

It isn't uncommon today to hear someone say that it is impossible to understand the Bible. It seems to me that this is a reflection on God. Is God not powerful enough, smart enough, and loving enough to give us a Book we can understand? Certainly, He is. The problem, therefore, when it comes to understanding the Bible, lies with men, not with God.

We shouldn't make the Bible harder to understand than it is. Here is a simple, easy-to-remember overview of the New Testament:

Think of Matthew through John as the “Belief Section.” These four books were written to inform us of the life of Christ and to produce faith in our hearts (John 3:16; 8:24; 20:30-31).

Think of the Book of Acts as the “Unique Section.” Acts is unique in that it is the only book of the Bible that gives an example of a person becoming a Christian. There are 10 such examples in Acts. Some examples include more details than others. Studying Acts, you will find that belief is mentioned in 6 examples, repentance in 1, confession in 1, and baptism in all 10. But since the Lord requires all who are in sin to believe, repent, confess, and be baptized, we safely conclude that all who were saved in the book of Acts did all these things.

Think of Romans through Jude as the “How to Live Section.” These books were written to instruct Christians how to live in Christ. While studying this section, it will be helpful to remember that these books were written to those who had become Christians already (see the book of Acts for how they became Christians).

Then, think of the Book of Revelation as the “Victory Section.” This book was written to encourage Christians to remain faithful to Christ that they might receive eternal life (Revelation 2:10).

There you have it—all the New Testament. If you can keep these simple divisions in mind, you can understand the Word of God.

Past, Present, and Future
Edd Sterchi

I'm sure you've heard the old riddle about the polar bear when he looked forward was looking south, when he looked back was looking south, and when he looked all around was also looking south. Of course he was standing on the North Pole to make this accurate.

We can make a similar statement in Romans 5:1-11 concerning Jesus Christ. When we look back, we see Jesus Christ having died for our sins. When we look forward, we see Him promising to be with us in heaven forevermore. And when we look all around, we also see that Jesus is here with us. Let's examine these concepts in the passage that Paul wrote through inspiration.

Looking back, we see Jesus:

- "For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly" (v.6)
- "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (v.8)

Looking forward, we see Jesus:

- "through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God" (v.2)
- "Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him" (v.9)

Looking around, we see Jesus:

- "we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (v.1)
- "And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation" (v.11)

Our past, present, and future can all be affected because of Jesus Christ. He transforms every moment of our existence. He brings hope and joy for the day and for every day going forth. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Praise Him, praise Him!

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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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