

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

Sermon for the Lord's Day

"The Son's Father"



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** ~

...said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

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We are praying for you!

Kerry and Rosemarie Johnson - for a stronger physical and spiritual influence on their Grandchildren.

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

God's Blessings to Everyone!~

~Men's Business Meeting Today After Worship followed by Fellowship and a Meal~

Think Souls

Logan Summers

The inner part of the person—the soul—is such an important element to who we are. God made us as body, soul, and spirit (1 Thess. 5:23). Yet the concept of the soul is so broad in God's word that we could spend a year just studying its various nuances! Even in the book of Acts, the word takes on a variety of meanings. It is a synonym for person (Acts 27:37), while other times it refers to life (Acts 20:10), or mind (Acts 14:2). We also get a glimpse of God's connection with our souls:

Hope From God. "For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption" (Acts 2:27).

Salvation In God. "So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41).

Fear of God. "And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles" (Acts 2:43).

Condemnation of God. "And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people" (Acts 3:23).

Unity From God. "Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common" (Acts 4:32).

Encouragement in God. "When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:21-22).

In Jesus our souls have no condemnation (Rom. 8:1)! Instead, we find encouragement (John 16:33), unity (Eph. 2:15), salvation (2 Tim. 2:10), and hope (1 Thess. 1:3). This year, may our souls dwell in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:31).

A Spiritually Productive New Year

Mike Riley

The following is a biblical formula for having a spiritually productive New Year in 2023:

“H”old fast to the faith (1 Corinthians 16:13; cf. 2 Timothy 1:13; Titus 1:9)

“A”ssemble for worship (Hebrews 10:25; cf. Acts 2:42)

“P”ray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17; cf. Acts 12:5 KJV; Romans 1:9)

“P”urify our heart (James 4:8; cf. 1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 3:2-3)

“Y”ield not to temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13)

“N”eglect not doing good (James 4:17; cf. Acts 10:38)

“E”xemplify Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1; Gal. 2:20)

“W”ork in the vineyard (John 15:1-8; cf. John 4:34-35; Acts 8:4-13; Acts 20:17-27; 1 Corinthians 15:58)

“Y”ield ourselves first to God (Matthew 6:33; cf. 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; 1 Timothy 1:15-16)

“E”xercise unto godliness (1 Timothy 4:7-8 KJV; Hebrews 5:14)

“A”nswer to others (1 Peter 3:15)

“R”edeem the time (Ephesians 5:15-16; Colossians 4:5)

Brethren, If we will put the above biblically tested formula into practice, we will experience a spiritually productive New Year, doing the Lord’s will! (Matthew 7:21).

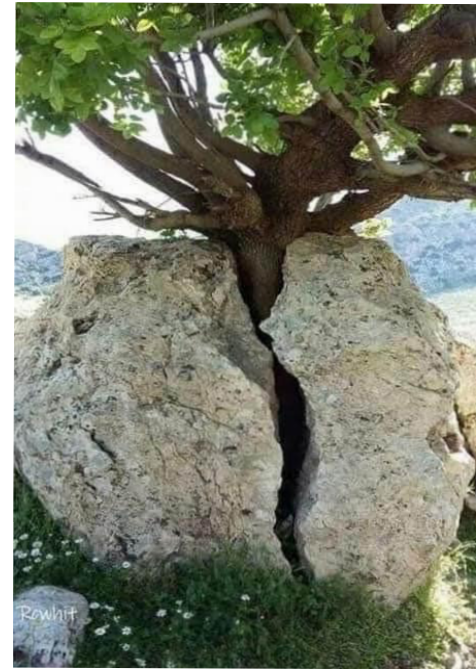
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Top Traits of Successful Families

According to a study of more than 500 family counselors, the following are the top traits of successful families:

- Communicating and listening • Affirming and supporting family members
- Respecting one another • Developing a sense of trust • Sharing time and responsibility • Knowing right from wrong • Having rituals and traditions
- Sharing a religious core • Respecting privacy

January 8, 2023



We cannot force someone to hear a message they are not ready to receive, but we must never underestimate the power of planting a seed.

Meeting Days and Times

Sunday 9:00 am

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

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