

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

Sermon for the Lord's Day

“DO You Have Need of Perseverance?”



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** ~

And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

Matthew 10:22

We are praying for you!

Judy McCollum - thanking God for her safe return.

Rob Redden - for his continued work in preaching and teaching the Lord's Word.

David Z - for a negative cancer report from his diagnosis this week.

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

God's Blessings to Everyone!~

Keep Praising God!

Edd Sterchi

The town of Antioch on the Mediterranean Sea was an early center of Christian ministry. This was the church that sponsored Paul and His pioneering outreach to the Gentiles.

During the third century, the beloved Christian Babylas, was martyred. His body was buried in a grove by the Orontes River. His burial place was the former site of a shrine to the pagan god Apollo. In the fourth century, the emperor Julian came to power. Julian was a pagan and wanted to steer the empire back to the pagan gods. Part of his strategy involved sprucing up pagan worship centers – like the one on the banks of the Orontes River. For that to happen, Babylas' body had to be removed (it would not do for such a notable Christian to be buried on a pagan god's temple site). Julian ordered the exhumation.

It is said that when the Christians dug up his body and moved it to another site, they chanted Psalm 97. Here is just a portion of what they proclaimed: “Let all be put to shame who serve carved images, who boast of idols. Worship Him, all you gods. Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice because of Your judgments, O LORD. For You, LORD, are most high above all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods. You who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked. Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name” (Psa. 97:7-12).

In essence, they were saying, “You can have your Apollo. We have a God who rules over all the earth. You can make us move our dear beloved's body, but we know where his soul is. You can make life difficult for us, but we have a source of light and joy you know nothing about. The Lord protects us, and so we are happy in Him.”

What a great message for us. Sometimes the forces of unbelief and paganistic practices cause us difficulty upon the earth. But, always remember, if we are faithful to God we have something greater. “The Lord reigns” (Psa. 97:1). Does He reign in your life?

A 3x4 Fence

Wendell Winkler

A person might as well put his shoulder to the burning sun and seek to stop it on its flaming course as to seek to destroy and stop the circulation of the Word of God.

The Bible is like the Irishman who had trouble with his neighbor knocking his fence over. He built a wall four feet wide and three feet tall. When asked why he had built such a wall, he replied, "When they knock this wall over, it will be just that much higher."

G.C. Brewer said, "When all kingdoms set up by men have utterly failed and their foundations have crumbled to dust and their glories have become subjects to ridicule, when day and night shall be no more, the moon ceases to wax and wane, the sea shall flow and ebb no more, when earth and the heavens shall have been shaken and have passed away with a great noise, the word of God shall stand imperishable, immovable, and unshaken!"

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The Last Chance

Randall J. Medlin

A man never opened the car door for his wife or any other woman. He felt it was a sissy, Emily Post kind of thing to do. "Besides," he was fond of saying, "she doesn't have two broken arms."

After many years of marriage, his wife died and he was heartbroken because he truly loved her. Somehow, as the pall-bearers brought her casket out of the funeral service, he and his family reached the hearse in front of them.

The funeral director was back a few feet, so he called him by name and said, "Open the door for her, will you?" The man reached for the door handle and then, for one second, froze.

He realized he had never opened a car door for her in life. In death would be the first and only time. Years of regret came crashing down.

Lesson: If you love someone, tell them now. If there is a kind deed you can do, do it now. There will be a time when all our tomorrows are yesterdays, and there will be no more chances to do the little things to show our love.

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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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