

*Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal*

*The Lord's Day Message*

**“Three Kinds of Burdens”**



**Welcome Brothers and Sisters!**

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

*Our Lord's Day  
Plan...*

May God bless their efforts!

~ **Happy Lord's Day** ~

*Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.  
1 Peter 5:7*

***We are praying for you!***

**Rosematie Johnson** - for healing from a painful and twisted knee -no results from the MRI indicate physical therapy not surgery.

**George Brown** - for God to be with the medical treatments for George.

**Raymond Elliott** - for good health and strength to carry on God's work.

**Sweeti Parichha** - for success in her spiritual and worldly pursuits.

**Arron Yaras** - for comfort of mind and body as he prepares for dialysis at home.

***God's Blessings to Everyone!~***

**The Cross of Christ**

Charles E. Burch

The apostle Paul wrote, “For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God” (1 Corinthians 1:18 NKJV). The cross has different meanings for different people, and it always has. To the people of Jerusalem in A.D. 33 the cross was just a cruel form of execution, usually reserved for the worst type of criminals. It was shameful, and that is the reason for the statement about Jesus that He “...endured the cross, despising the shame...” (Hebrews 12:2). However, for believers, the shame of that cross was overcome by the glory made possible by Jesus who died there. Paul wrote, “But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ...” (Galatians 6:14).

What do we see in the cross? Do we just see a religious symbol to be worn as decoration? Do we see a form of torture and execution? Do we see hope for eternity? Let us notice some things that we should see in the cross.

We should see the love of God. When Adam and Eve sinned in Eden, God drove them from His presence. Yet, He announced to them His intentions to overcome the devil's influence and save man from sin (Genesis 3:15). God sent His Son to do that. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). We can see God's love in the giving of His Son.

We should see the blackness of sin. Many think that because everyone sins, one little sin won't hurt. Contrariwise, we need to see sin as God sees sin! It is filth (Revelation 3:4), it is the dirt of the world (James 1:27), and it is described as a muddy hog pen (2 Peter 2:22). If we could see sin through the eyes of God for five seconds, it would change us forever.

We should see the torment of Hell. Solomon wrote, “...Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man” (Ecclesi-

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## Proving the Will of God

Matt Clifton

When you were in school, didn't you just love it when your math teacher would give you a problem to solve and say, "Show your work?" That meant she wanted you to not just give the correct answer, but to demonstrate the process by which you came to that answer.

Christians are commanded to "prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" by our righteous lives (Romans 12:2b). It's good to know the Bible answers, but are we showing it in our lives? And how exactly are we to do that? Romans 12:1-2 give us a clear answer!

By Living Sacrificially (Rom. 12:1). Sacrifice is key to the Christian life because our God is sacrificial. The highest form of love is shown by sacrifice (John 3:16; 15:13). That's why Paul tell us to present ourselves to God as a "living sacrifice." In other words, live sacrificially so others can be drawn to Christ!

By Not Conforming to the World (Rom. 12:2). Before we became Christians, we were part of the world (Eph. 2:1-2; 4:17-20). The church, however, is admonished to be separate from the world (2 Cor. 14-17). Don't allow the world to pour you into its mold!

By Being Transformed (Rom. 12:2). The mold God wants us to be poured into is Christ Jesus (Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18) and to be clothed with Him (Rom. 13:14). We are to be shaped day by day into the image of His Son!

Do you know the good and acceptable and perfect will of God? Then show your work!

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astes 12:13 KJV). Regarding impenitent sinners, Jesus said, "And these will go away into everlasting punishment..." (Matthew 25:46). It took the cross to keep man out of this torment.

We should see the glory of Heaven. Jesus made a great and glorious promise, "...I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2). It took His death upon the cross, as the perfect sacrifice, to make it possible for man to go to that place.

What do you see in the cross? A child of God will see the love of God, the blackness of sin, the torment of Hell and the glory of 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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