

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

The Lord's Day Message
“Why It Is Important to Persevere?”



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** ~

Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

1 Peter 4:19

We are praying for you!

Charles Barry - for his continued physical and mental strength.

Rosemarie Johnson - for relief from her sciatic nerve pain.

Arron Yaras - for good care from the doctors for his heart and kidney issues.

Cindy Brown - for comfort with the loss of her husband George who died yesterday at Salinas Memorial Hospital from breathing difficulties - Cindy was by his side. We pray for God's mercy.

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

We Must Persuade

Gary C. Hampton

A church sign had the following, “Orthodoxy does not persuade.” The first thing I did was look up “orthodoxy” to be sure I understood it. “Orthodoxy” is a transliteration of orthodoxy, which means right opinion. In other words, it is right doctrine, as the word “orthodox” would suggest.

Is the sign right? Our Lord commanded His followers to go “...make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus expected His followers to teach others in a way to persuade them to become disciples.

Paul went to the synagogue in Thessalonica for three Sabbaths and “...reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, ‘This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ’...” (Acts 17:2-3). The whole idea behind the word “reasoned” is to put together an argument intended to persuade. In this case, it was to persuade men that Jesus was the promised Messiah.

Paul also reasoned and persuaded in Corinth (Acts 18:4). He told the Corinthian Christians that everyone must appear before Christ's judgment seat to receive according to his or her deeds. “Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men...” (2 Corinthians 5:11).

Right teaching, as authorized by our Lord, demands that we persuade. The purpose is to make disciples for Christ by causing men to see Him as God's Anointed. We must persuade.



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There's a Great Day Coming

Excuses that won't work at the Judgment:

Lord, I didn't know enough. "Thy word is a...light unto my path"
(Psalm 119:105).

Lord, I didn't know which church to join. "And I say...I will build my church"
(Matthew 16:18). "Search, and look" (John 7:52).

Lord, I didn't believe I could hold out. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me"
(Philippians 4:13).

Lord, I thought sincerity was all I needed. "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter . . . but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven"
(Matthew 7:21).

Lord, I thought my preacher was right. "They received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so"
(Acts 17:11).

Lord, I didn't think I was good enough. "Such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified"
(1 Corinthians 6:11).

Lord, I was afraid to offend my family. "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me"
(Matthew 10:37).

Lord, the church was not popular. "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth...but Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord"
(Genesis 6:5-8).

Lord, there were too many hypocrites in the church. "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad"
(2 Corinthians 5:10).

Lord, I thought there was plenty of time. "But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee..."
(Luke 12:20).



Meeting Days and Times

Sunday 9:00 am

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

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