

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

The Lord's Day Message
"What About the Church of Christ?" (conclusion)



Welcome Brothers and Sisters!

Jordan will lead our Bible Class, Kerry will lead singing, Paul McCollum will deliver the Lesson. May God bless their efforts!

Our Lord's Day Plan...

~ Happy Lord's Day ~

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; Psalm 63:1

We are praying for you!

- Charles Barry - for healing from falling last week and from his skin cancer operating this week.
- Cathy Yaras - For comfort with the loss of her mother last week.
- Gollapalli Sunil Raju - for the work he is doing for the poor of India and India Mission Work.
- Church of Christ - for strength to preach God's Word to all lost souls.

~God's Blessings to Everyone!~

WHERE DO SINS GO WHEN THEY ARE FORGIVEN?
Raymond Elliott

Where do our sins go when they are forgiven? That too is a most difficult question. However the word of God does offer us some understanding on this subject. Take for instance the passage found in Micah 7:19: "He will again have compassion upon us: he will tread our iniquities under foot; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea." Sin in this verse is regarded as a personal enemy which by God's sovereign grace will be entirely subdued. As God destroyed Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea, so shall he cast our sins into the depths of the sea of forgiveness and forgetfulness (Exodus 15:4, 10). If you will observe, the Lord will cast our sins into the "depths of the sea," and not near the shore where they can be washed back again. In Psalms 103:12, we learn, "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

In reference to the new covenant that God would make with Israel and Judah, the promise was made: "For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more" (Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 8:12; 10:17). Thus we learn that the Infinite Intelligence possesses the attribute of forgetting sins that are forgiven. To some degree we understand how this is possible. Loving parents have often forgotten as well as forgiven the mistakes and sins committed by their children. In perfection, our Heavenly Father forgives and forgets the sins of His penitent children (I John 1:7, 9).

My friends, if you have not had your sins blotted out by the blood of Christ, please, as a penitent believer, be immersed in His name in order to obtain His divine forgiveness (Acts 3:19; 2:38). And God who forgives will also in His mercy forget your transgressions.

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Hebrews 8:12

For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

Satan Comes Lurking!
Ralph Clevinger

In the book of Job, God asked Satan where he had been. He told God, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it” (Job 1:7; 2:2 NKJV). Peter indicated Satan walks “about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8). Have you seen evidence that Satan has ceased his search for souls?

The world seems to be filled with evidence that Satan still prowls about the earth. We, as Christians, ought to be on guard so we are not tricked by his devices. Satan has more experience deceiving us than we do at overcoming temptation. The devil is not fearful; rather, he is cunning, brave and deceptive. He uses any means at his disposal to conceal his actions as he stalks his prey. Since he is a capable adversary, what can we do to evade him?

Peter instructed, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world” (1 Peter 5:8-9). Notice the instruction:

Be sober – Think clearly,
Be vigilant – Self-controlled,
Resist – Withstand or to oppose,
Steadfast – Be established, and
Understand you are not the only one Satan is attacking.

In order to be found faithful, we must fight against the devil as he seeks our destruction. Paul reminded the Ephesian brethren that they were in a spiritual battle. Today, we fight that same battle, and we will continue to fight it until Jesus’ return. Let us be established in our faith and unwilling to yield to Satan!

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Dear Father in heaven, please help us to be the people you want us to be. In Jesus name, amen!

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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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