

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

The Lord's Day Message

“What is the Point of My Life?”



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 ~

*And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.
Luke 6:31*

We are praying for you!

Judy McCollum - for complete healing from her dental procedure.

Rosemarine Johnson - for better health and less pain in the new year.

Charles Barry - for healing from his flu/cold illness.

Cindy Brown - for a safe trip to her home in California. She is now home.

The Loyd Barry Family - for a safe trip to and from Arkansas to California.

Church of Christ - for strength to preach God's Word to all souls.

~God's Blessings to Everyone!~

Enriching Your Marriage

David Myers

I noticed the show Home Improvement the other day on Roku TV. The show's main character is Tim "The Tool Man" who is the most accident-prone handyman on the planet. He plugs in the Christmas lights and almost electrocutes himself in the process. He flips the switch to demonstrate the newly installed vacuum system which slurps up the psychology paper that his wife stayed up all night to finish. Certainly, that didn't help enrich his marriage! It was apparent in that show that he never read the instructions, which ruined almost everything he tried to fix.

Is it your aim to work toward enriching your marriage? Trying to build an enriched marriage can feel like Tim "The Tool Man," can't it? Things don't work like they are supposed to work sometimes. That's when we need to remember that we are not building our marriages alone. God not only supplied the blueprints in the Scriptures for enriching marriages, but He is also right there with us on the project. If you feel like your marriage isn't working as it should, consider the following questions.

- How much are you depending on God for your marriage?
- Do you regularly consult His blueprint and talk to Him in prayer about it?
- Who wears the foreman's hat in your marriage?
- Do you expect the other person to meet the deepest needs of your heart in your marriage? If so, you have placed an impossible burden on the person you love.
- If something in your marriage is not working right, are you reluctant to face the truth about yourself, preferring to believe that it is your spouse who has a problem?

Most people would prefer a successful and fulfilling marriage to just happen by itself. Yet, a growing and enriching marriage requires effort and perseverance. God is still involved when it comes to every believer's marriage, and He cares about the success of your marriage. God calls each marriage partner to work at their relationship with Him. That's why it is so important to read the instructions (Ephesians 5:22-23 and especially vs. 28-29, 32).

Have You Changed
By Julene Nulph

I had returned home from my morning walk when I noticed my hostas were losing their deep green luster and were beginning to take on a yellow phase. As I scanned the landscape, I saw my daylilies were also following suit. It was a reminder to me that another season of change is about to take place. To God's wonderful creation, change is inevitable, and as with autumn, each season brings about a new identity to the firmament created by the Almighty. Such is true for the Christian as well. Obedience to God's will brings about inevitable changes.

In the first place, there is a change in name. The Messianic prophet of old prophesied of a time when God's people would be called by a new name (Isaiah 62:2; 65:15). Luke, the beloved physician, records the fulfillment of Isaiah's inspired prophecy. "And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26, emphasis added). Like the first century church of Christ, Christians should be honored to wear this name and should do so with respect and dignity.

In the second place, there is a change in will. The Christian no longer seeks after his own desires, but rather conforms his will to the will of the master. Just as the apostle Paul affirmed, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). This change in will necessitates that each one set his affection on things above and not on things of the earth (Colossians 3:1-3). Truly, this alteration in direction must be "...not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:42b).

In the third place, there is a change in future. Obedience to God's plan of salvation saves one's soul from eternal punishment. Our loving Heavenly Father has graciously provided us with all that we need to avoid the wrath of hell. "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue" (2 Peter 1:3). This decision to follow God's way has changed a Christian's future from futile to fabulous. What a truly loving Creator it is who provided us with this option to obey him and in turn change our eternity. Thus, we are inclined to ask with the Psalmist, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" (Psalm 8:4).

Inevitably, changes are a reality. With this new season, my hostas and daylilies will fade away in time. Like a new season, a Christian faces a new identity in name, will and future that never fades away! Have you changed?

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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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