

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal



Sermons for the Lord's Day

A.M. - Examine and Prove Yourself
P.M. - The Power Of Godliness



Announcements Alisal Weekly

1. **Singing and prayer on Wednesday** - men be prepared with songs, prayers, or reading of scripture.
2. Wednesday Invitation - Paul
3. Jordan will be preaching the evening lesson today.

Prayer List

1. **The Lord's church** - for stronger dedication from the members.
2. **The Barry family** - for getting over the flu and Charles for the healing of his foot operation.
3. **Robert Sagun** - for successful recovery from his heart disease (hATTR amyloidosis). Robert began chemotherapy on Friday, February 15.
4. **Rosemarie Johnson** - for continued success with her teaching job.
5. **Bobby Glover** - for continuing to reach out to the lost.
6. **Michael White** - for success at truck driving school and service to the Lord.
7. **David & Vicki Ryal** - for good health and David's return to the pulpit.
8. **Raymond and Virginia Elliott** - for good health and strength to continue teaching those in and outside the body of Christ.
9. **Teresita Sagun** - for healing of her cancer and recovery from the seizures she suffered on Friday.

He Will Have to Stand on His Own Two Feet

Raymond Elliott

The expression, "He will have to stand on his own two feet" is one that has been around for a long time. While the exact words are not found in the Bible, the thought can be found in the words of Paul in Galatians 6:5. "For each man shall bear his own burden." In short, there are some things that others cannot do for us. We have often watched a small child making every effort to take the first few steps in the process of learning how to walk. Then, there is the young man who has taken to himself a new bride with all the responsibilities. Also, an inexperienced person is placed in a position for the first time that demands making decisions constantly. We can help the child keep his balance, give advice to the newlywed and render assistance to the person having to make so many important decisions. However, there comes a time when each person will have to stand on his own two feet.

In Christianity, the principle is certainly true as Paul stated in Galatians 6:2, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." When a brother's load becomes too heavy for him to carry, we are to lend a helping hand. Young Christians need special attention as they "grow in the grace and knowledge" of Christ (1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3:18). Also, "we that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak..." (Romans 15:1). However, there comes a time when each Christian will have to stand on his own two feet. Faith in God and Christ must become strong enough in one's heart that he will be able to do this very thing. If a person does not grow spiritually, he will never be of worth to the cause of the Lord. There is a time to assist a brother, and there is a time for one to learn to stand without the assistance from others.

I remember an elder of a congregation where I labored several years ago suggesting to me that certain weak members should be visited each Saturday in order to encourage them to be present for worship on the following Sunday. It is right and scriptural "to provoke unto love and good works" (Hebrews 10:24), but to stunt another's spiritual growth by preventing him to act on his own faith is not what the Bible teaches in this matter. Another case in point relates to a brother with whom I had visited and encouraged so diligently for some five years. Yet, this brother was no stronger after that period of time than he was at the beginning. Finally, I mentioned to him that I was not coming around anymore, not because I loved him less, but that my visits were not doing any good. The brother remains unfaithful to the Lord to this day.

Brethren, we are only fooling ourselves when we feel that we must pet and pamper members in order to get them to attend periods of Bible study and worship. If a weak brother's presence for these assemblies is decided by the preacher's visits, there is not a true foundation of faith existing in his heart. Such a brother will remain as an infant, unable to walk and develop his strength. He will never be able to stand on his own two feet.

Take seriously these words of wisdom from this good and faithful brother.

Where does it say this in the Bible?

Answer to last weeks question... Matthew 27:24

About love

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

Infatuation or Love?

By Ron Bartanen

Much that passes for love is nothing more than infatuation, a temporary, and at times foolish, obsession. This is common in childhood, but not unknown in adults. It is quite evident in those who are constantly "falling in and out of love." True love dies hard, while infatuation may be "here today, but gone tomorrow."

There is one love that never fails. It is not the romantic type of love, but a self-giving love. This is the type of love that God has shown toward us. It is also the love that we are to show towards one another. The apostle John declared, "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins," then adding, "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another" (1 John 4:10-11).

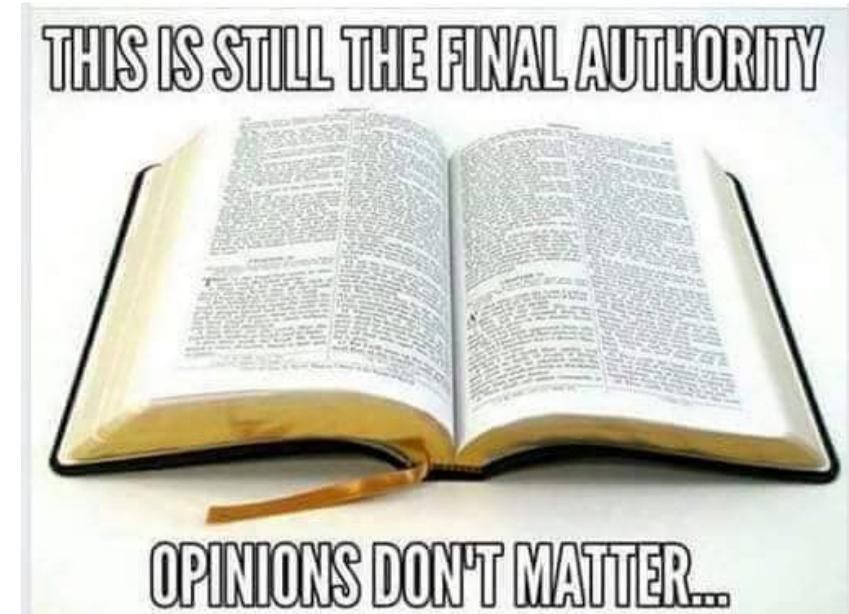
God is not infatuated with the human race. Although, through sin, we have offended Him, yet His love endures. If we allow trivial offenses from others to alienate us, we are not showing God's love in our lives.

As for our relationship with God, mere infatuation with Him will put self ahead of Him. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). This is the test to see whether we truly love Him, or are simply infatuated with Him.

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Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Mark 7:7



Meeting Days and Times

Sunday 9:00 am Class - 10:00 am & 5:00 pm Worship

Wednesday Bible Class, singing & prayer - 6:30 pm

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