

# Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal



**Sermons for the Lord's Day**  
**A.M. - The Husband and Wife Relationship**  
**P.M. - Remembering Lot's Wife**



## Announcements Alisal Weekly

1. **Singing and prayer on Wednesday** - men - be prepared with songs, prayers, or the reading of scripture.
2. Wednesday Invitation - Charles
3. Jordan will be preaching the evening lesson today
4. Judy and Paul are now home. We had a wonderful trip filled with meeting many new people and seeing many new places. We were pleased to talk about the church to a few.

## Prayer List

1. **The Lord's church** - for stronger dedication from the members.
2. **Teresita Sagun** - for remission of her cancer.
3. **Robert Sagun** - for successful recovery from his heart disease (hATTR amyloidosis). Robert continues chemotherapy and testing.
4. **Rosemarie Johnson** - for improved health.
5. **Bobby Glover** - for continuing to reach out to the lost.
6. **Michael White** - for his wellbeing.
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. **Those serving the Lord** - for physical and spiritual strength in their service.

## Forgiveness Eddie Parrish

"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you" (Eph. 4:32). The character of the Christian includes "bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you" (Col. 3:13). What has God said about this beautiful gift that we can (and must) extend to each other? Specifically, what roles do repentance and restitution play in the interchange between the offender and the offended? Must repentance happen before forgiveness can be granted? These will be the questions we will explore more deeply at the worship hour. But by way of summary, let me offer you the following thoughts.

If we harbor an unforgiving attitude toward others, God will not forgive us (Matt. 6:14-15; 18:35). Each of us should emulate our Father by consistently maintaining an intense desire to extend pardon to those who have sinned against us (1 Tim. 2:4). We should keep our hearts free from bitterness, wrath, hatred, malice, and revenge (Rom. 12:17ff). We should love our enemies and treat them with kindness (Matt. 5:44; 7:12). Our pure hearts should lead us to seek, meekly and humbly (Gal. 6:1), to restore fellowship with those who have sinned against us (Matt. 18:15). This - the attitude, or disposition, of forgiveness - should be shown to offenders unconditionally.

But there is more to forgiveness than just one's attitude. There is also the action of forgiveness, which is the releasing or canceling of a debt. The Bible is clear that a sin-debt cannot be released or canceled until penitence is expressed (Luke 17:3; Acts 8:22). This consequence of sin was not imposed by man, but God. Therefore, one man does not have the authority to release another from that obligation. It is in this sense that only God can forgive sins (Mark 2:7). It is God's will that consequences go hand-in-hand with wrongdoing. One of those consequences is the responsibility of the offender to repent of his sin and seek restitution with the one he sinned against. To do less would minimize the seriousness of sin.

The attitude of forgiveness is unconditional. The action of forgiveness is not. When someone sins against you, release all bitterness and anger even if your offender remains obstinate. Pray for and seek reconciliation. But until your offender experiences godly sorrow that produces repentance (2 Cor. 7:10), his debt to you and to God remains.

## Where does it say this in the Bible?

Answer to last weeks question... 1 John 4:18

### God's Commands

Keep my commands and live,  
And my law as the apple of your eye.  
Bind them on your fingers;  
Write them on the tablet of your heart.

### Getting the Word Out About Eating Right

*Edd Sterchi*

What would happen if you consumed meals that consisted only of candy? While it might be very tasty, it would not be nutritious at all. And while you might make it fine for a while, eventually your body would fail you because it did not receive the sustenance needed for a healthy life.

Many people have turned the gospel of Christ into spiritual candy – picking and choosing Bible verses, misapplying Scripture, and/or watering down passages from the Word of God. But this is robbing them of the nutrients needed for salvation and spiritual growth.

Paul warned Timothy about those who would not endure sound doctrine, who would accept false teachers, and who would turn away from the truth (1 Tim. 4:3-4). Sadly, this is still happening today.

Someone once noted that evangelism is one beggar telling another beggar where to find food. The food we need to be concerned about is the bread of life, Jesus (John 6:35), and the nutritious food of His pure gospel (Heb. 5:12-14). Let's get the word out about eating right!

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

*Mark 7:7*



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