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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. (John 1:1-5)

MEETING UPON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK

Listen on AM Radio 880 KKMC in Salinas, California
2nd Friday of each month @ 1:30 pm

Bible Classes..... 9:00 A.M.
Assemblies..... 10:00 A.M. & 5:00 P.M.

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WEDNESDAY

Bible Class, Singing, & Prayer..... 6:30 P.M.

FEAR

Ed Smithson

Fear is common to man. It can serve us well and keep us from harm in many situations. Most of the time when speaking of fear, we speak of the fear that is abnormal. A person has a fear of getting cancer and every small ailment to them might turn into cancer.

Inordinate fear will cause more harm than it will do good: fear that is unreasonable, that drives a person to distraction and causes them harm beyond what it should. The Psalmist said, "God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth do change, And though the mountains be shaken into the heart of the seas." (Psa. 46:1-2)

Many will remember the famous line uttered by President Roosevelt at our entry into WW II. "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." Fear will cause us to do things and act in such ways as a detriment.

The person who puts his confidence in God has nothing to fear. Fear of things that MIGHT happen can drive a person to distraction. In our world there are always changes and the way those changes affect us can be disturbing to our souls.

But the person who knows God and puts his confidence in Him has no reason to fear as do others! "He is our refuge and strength" under any and all circumstances. Since He is all powerful and knows all things, He is our stay, He will see us through.

When Israel was entering Canaan to possess it after being delivered from slavery in Egypt God said to them, "Ye shall not fear them; for Jehovah your God, he it is that fighteth for you." (Deut. 3:22) When fear comes, as it surely will from whatever place it desires, we know our refuge is a mighty God who will go to battle for us and with us to overcome. In the words of the Hebrew writer, "So that with good courage we say, The Lord is my helper; I will not fear: What shall man do unto me?" (Heb. 13:6)

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Flash Photography

When a mother saw a thunderstorm forming in mid-afternoon, she worried about her seven-year-old daughter who would be walking the three blocks from school to home. Deciding to meet her, the mother saw her daughter walking nonchalantly along, stopping to smile whenever lightning flashed. Seeing her mother, the little girl ran to her, explaining happily, "All the way home, God's been taking my picture!"



Welcome

Good Morning Brothers and Sisters!

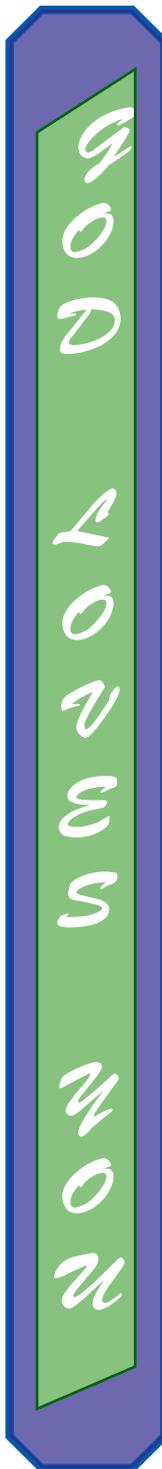
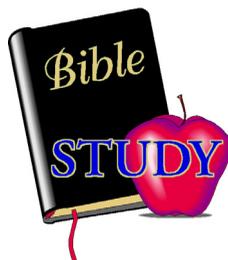


This Week's Sermon's

A.M. - Worship - Teaching
P.M. - What Kind of Giver Am I?

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Saved in Childbearing

T. Pierce Brown (deceased)



First Timothy 2:13-15 reads, "For Adam was first formed, then Eve; and Adam was not beguiled, but the woman being beguiled hath fallen into transgression: but she shall be saved through her childbearing, if they continue in faith and love and sanctification with sobriety." This verse contains one of the most difficult expressions of the whole epistle. The question of how a woman can be saved through childbearing has given Bible scholars of all ages a difficult time. Almost all of them have missed one or two very significant points, to which I shall try to call your attention.

Perhaps we can simplify somewhat if we first say what we can be certain it does not mean. There is not the remotest hint in the Bible that bearing a child has any relationship to taking away any sin, or being saved from sin. Since this surely needs no extended proof, our next approach should be to ask, "Since the salvation cannot be related to being saved from sin, from what could anyone be saved by childbearing?"

Our first approach was to look in the Bible at all the words that are translated "saved" or some cognate. We discovered that in the Old Testament there are at least 12, translated by hundreds of different terms, very few of which had anything remotely to do with being saved from sin. They relate to being rescued, helped, released or preserved in some circumstance.

In the New Testament there are at least six different words relating to salvation that are translated in many ways. By far the majority of them have nothing to do with being saved from sin. Why the scholars who discuss the verse under examination in this article did not comment on that obvious fact, we have no idea. Now, let us examine the context and see if we can discover anything from which woman can be saved, rescued from or helped if she is engaged in childbearing and continues in faith and love with sobriety. The apostle's subject is that woman should be in subjection to man and must not teach over or exercise authority over the man. This plainly relates, in the context here, to the work and worship of the church. Eve was tempted to disregard that order which God ordained from the beginning, as verse 13 indicates. Other women have been tempted to do likewise. They shall be saved, rescued, preserved from falling into that same danger if they attend to their primary business of keeping the house, bearing and raising children, and living in faith, love, sanctification and sobriety. It is evident that childbearing alone will not save a woman from trying to

exercise improper authority over a man, but if she is engaged in what God decreed is her primary responsibility, and does it in faith and love, the problem will be solved.

Of course, it does no damage to the truth if one understands this to mean that woman will be saved eternally if she fulfills her God given role. The problem with that exegesis is that it implies that being saved eternally in some way depends on childbearing. That is not so, but childbearing does have something to do with her fulfilling her God ordained function as a help, suitable to the husband, and obeying the injunction of the Holy Spirit as he said through Paul, "Wives, be in subjection unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord" (Ephesians 5:22). Even if my exegesis does not do justice to what Paul meant, we can still prove by other Scriptures that conclusions are true, for we are saved by the blood of Christ, and if women and all others did as God directed, they would be saved.

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The Judgment Seat of Christ: Looking For Loopholes

Travis L. Quertermous

One of the most popular entertainers of the Vaudeville era was W.C. Fields (1880-1946). While Fields could make audiences roar with laughter, he was certainly not a Christian and made no pretense of his disdain for the Bible. Thus, it came as a great shock when one of Fields' friends, visiting him in the hospital near the end of his life, found him reading the Bible one day. When asked what he was doing, Fields, ever the comedian, replied, "Just looking for loopholes."

Friends, one day we will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. In 2 Corinthians 5:10, we read, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." On that great day, we will be judged by the word of God. Jesus Christ said, "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him — the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (John 12:48).

God's law, unlike man's, has no loopholes. No lawyer will be able to fool the Judge of all men or be able to negotiate a plea bargain. Hebrews 9:27 reminds us, "...it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment..." If the Judgment Day were today, where would you spend eternity, in heaven or hell?

Announcements

1. *Brother Kerry will be giving the invitation this Wednesday evening.*

Today after the morning service - Fellowship & Potluck - Please join us!
Evening sermon after the Potluck!

~ On the Prayer list ~

All our Families here at Alisal - for spiritual growth and good health.
Rose, Kerry, Beverly, Norma - For peace of mind and better health.