

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal



Sermons for the Lord's Day

- A.M - Thanking God - part one
- P.M. - Thanking God ' part two

Alisal Weekly Announcements

1. Wednesday Bible Class - Book of Romans Chapter Seven #1
- 2, Wednesday Invitation - Paul
3. Phone number for Michael White - (831)225-3775
4. Due to operator error the bulletin file was deleted and lost. We are in the process of recreating our church bulletin and we ask your patience during this process - we know this will take time as we work through a satisfactory solution. Thank you for your understanding.

Prayer List

1. **Charles Barry** - for continued healing from his open-heart surgery.
2. **Rosemarie Johnson** - for a solution to her physical pain and weariness.
3. **Beverly Pereira** - for better health.
4. **Norma Decker** - for healing and stronger faith in Jesus.
5. **Kerry Johnson** - for safe driving in his long commute to work.
6. **Bobby Glover** - for continued faith and good example to those he is with.
7. **David Smith** - for God to make a way for him to be in attendance more often.
8. **Loyd Barry** - for great success in his new job and service to the Lord.



In Everything Give Thanks

By Patrick Hogan

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing. in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19

The above reference is just one of many in Scripture that encourage Christians to have a positive outlook. As a matter of fact, the second admonition, “pray without ceasing,” is one good reason to rejoice and to be thankful. Regardless of what happens we have the avenue of prayer by which we may communicate with the Father!

The third instruction, “in everything give thanks,” may sometimes be more difficult to follow. There are some situations in which we find it difficult to be thankful. Perhaps an observation by commentator Matthew Henry can encourage us to be more thoughtful, and therefore more thankful, in those types of situations. When Henry discovered that he had been robbed, he entered the following in his daily journal:

I thank Thee first because I was never robbed before; second, because although they took my purse they did not take my life; third, although they took my all, it was not much; and fourth, because it was I who was robbed and not I who robbed.

While we hear much about thanksgiving during the last weeks of each year, may we cultivate a constant attitude of thankfulness. As Christians we have much for which to give thanks.

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Yes and No

By Bill Brandstatter

I grew up in a time when a man made a promise and kept it. Yes meant yes and no meant no. Our times, however, are changing. Man's promises are not what they should be. Sometimes promises are rashly made and then not kept.

I am glad that God's promises are trustworthy. The Bible connects yes and no with the keeping of promises. The apostle Paul tells us that “All the promises of God in him are yes, and in him amen, to the glory of God through us.”(2 Cor. 1:20). God's promises are sure and faithful. We can rely on Him to keep His word..

When Jesus said, “He that believes and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:16). He meant it. You can count on it. No matter what man says concerning salvation, that is what Jesus said,.

God promises eternal life to the obedient. Peter tells us that God has give us “exceedingly great and precious promises”(2 Pet. 1:4). In the book of Hebrews, we read about those. The writer tells of some who “died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth” (Heb. 11:13). From that text, we learn that God's promises can provide assurances that can be embraced.

Jesus is the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him (Heb. 5:8,9). If we obey Him, we have the promise of salvation from our sins and the hope of a home in heaven with Him.

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WHAT COLOR WAS SAUL'S (OF TARSUS) HORSE?

Raymond Elliott

The following will be questions that can be found in the New Testament regarding the conversion of a biblical character by the name of Saul, who was a persecutor of the "Way" (22:4). I will give you the basic texts found in the book of Acts. This method will allow you to read the verses from the Bible without my understanding being given of the passages of scriptures. You can read for yourself what the writer, Luke (Acts 1:1; Luke 1:1-4), wrote as he was guided by the Holy Spirit. Here are the passages in the book of Acts: Acts 9:1-19; 22:1-16; 26:1-26.

Why was Saul going to Damascus (9:1-3;22:4,5)?

Did Saul believe that he was doing the will of God by persecuting the disciples of Christ; and, that he did it with all sincerity (23:1;26:9)?

What caused Saul to be unable to see (22:6)?

Who appeared to Saul on the way to Damascus: (9:3-5)?

What effect did this experience have on Saul (9:4;22:6,7)?

Who was Saul actually persecuting when he was persecuting the church (8:4;9:4,5;22:7,8)?

What were the questions Saul asked the Lord (9:6; 22:10)?

In what city was Saul instructed to enter (9:6;22:10)?

What did Saul do for three days (9:9,11)?

Do you understand that Saul was a believer in Jesus Christ at this point in time; and, that his actions indicated that he was penitent of his sins?

What were the basic reasons for the Lord to appear to Saul (22:14,15;26:16-18)?

What was the name of the disciple who was sent to speak to Saul (9:10)?

What act of faith was Saul instructed that he "must do" (Acts 9:6) in order for his sins to be washed away (forgiven) (Acts 22:16)?

The question may be asked, did Saul, in fact, obey this command (See Romans 6:1-4)? Please notice the plural pronouns, "us" and "we", which would include Paul who wrote the book of Romans (1:1).

Oh, I have not dealt with the question that is the title of this article, "What color was Saul's (of Tarsus) horse?" You know, that is a very interesting question. I have seen pictures and videos of Saul riding a horse on the way from Jerusalem to Damascus; however, would you believe, there is no passage of Scripture that informs us he was even riding one. I sincerely thank you for your time and interest in this study of God's Holy Word.

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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Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Isaiah 1:18

