

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal



Jordan

Sermons for the Lord's Day

A.M. - Times of Feast or Famine

P.M. - Is Too much Expected?

Announcements Alisal Weekly

1. Wednesday Bible Class - Romans 9 #2 - bring your writing materials.
2. Wednesday Invitation -Jordan
3. Jordan will be preaching both lessons today.

Prayer List

1. **The Lord's church** - for stronger dedication from the members.
2. **Charles Barry** - for getting over the flu.
3. **Charmin Barry** - for getting over the flu.
4. **Annette Barry** - for getting over the flu.
5. **Rosemarie Johnson** - for better health.
6. **Bobby Glover** - for teaching the lost.
7. **Michael White** - for success at truck driving school and service to the Lord.
8. **David & Vicki Ryal** - for good health and David's return to the pulpit.
9. **Raymond and Virginia Elliott** - for good health and strength to continue teaching those in and outside the body of Christ.
10. **Robert Sagun** - for successful recovery from his heart disease (hATTR amyloidosis)

Observations From Perhaps The Most Difficult Passage In The New Testament

Neal Pollard

What is perhaps the most difficult statement in the Bible is not grammatically complex or difficult to comprehend from an intellectual standpoint. But what elder, preacher, or other member has not agonized over it many times. Asked point blank for His teaching on the subject of marriage, divorce, and remarriage, Jesus says, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way. And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery" (Mat. 19:8-9). There are quite a few observations that can be made from this reading.

Jesus makes a timeless statement ("from the beginning").

Jesus makes a universal statement ("This applies to "whoever").

Jesus makes an authoritative statement ("I say to you")—Matthew often reveals Jesus' contrasting His teaching with the inferior Law of Moses.

Jesus does not mandate (necessitate) that divorce occur in the case of fornication.

Jesus identifies the exception to the rule ("whoever divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery")—It is fornication (BDAG—"Unlawful sexual intercourse").

Jesus' teaching here cannot be negated by other Scripture (cf. 1 Cor. 7; 2 Cor. 5:17).

Jesus teaches that another marriage (excepting for one's spouse's fornication) is adulterous.

Jesus does not free the guilty to remarry.

The duration of adultery in the second marriage considered by Jesus persists as long as that subsequent marriage persists.

The teaching has been difficult from this inception (see Mat. 19:10-12).

This passage must be taught patiently, lovingly, wisely, compassionately, and prayerfully! Yet, on what grounds can we decide not to teach it? Treating it with the reverence it deserves, why would we seek to dismantle or discredit it? Of course, we would not. By teaching it, we risk losing good will and favor with many but by teaching it as Jesus taught it we show respect and fidelity to His supreme authority. May God grant us "a spirit...of power and love and discipline" (2 Tim. 1:7) on this eternally important passage.

Where does it say this in the Bible?

Answer to last weeks question... Acts 2:22

Love

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Worried You Won't Get a Valentine?

Matt Clifton

Holidays are times that usually fill people with joy and offer an opportunity to create memories with family, friends, and loved ones. Sometimes, however, holidays can be difficult. For instance, Valentine's Day.

The number one reason some people dislike Valentine's Day is because of the emotional torture they experience if they are not in a "relationship." They feel like they are the only ones in the world not getting flowers, candy, or a card on February 14th, and they feel overwhelmed by waves of loneliness.

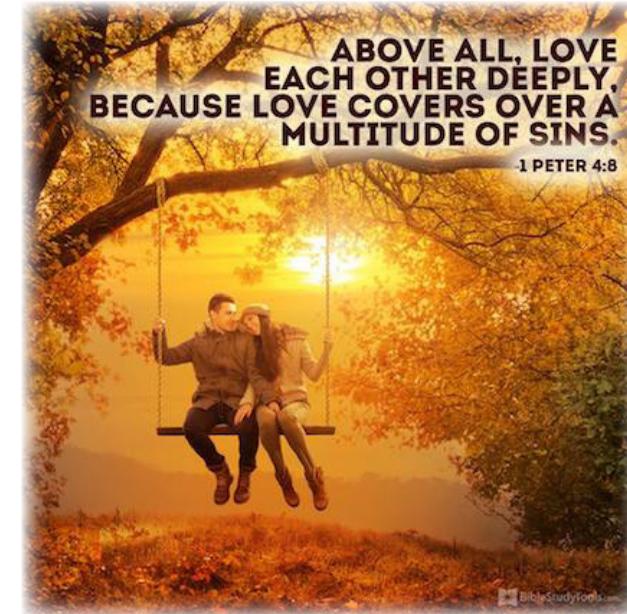
It is hard to console a person who feels this way with trite pats on the back and promises that one day everything will be perfect for them. Instead, it might be helpful to remind them that God has already expressed a perfect love for us all through His Son Jesus.

"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ" (Eph. 2:4-5). The love God has for us is beyond anything that can be experienced from human relationships. "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God" (1 John 3:1)!

People should always be hopeful for a godly spouse, and work to develop themselves to be just that for someone else as well. However, it is even more important to realize that God through Christ Jesus has brought Christians into the most perfect and fulfilling relationship possible, and any human "Valentine" pales in comparison!

February 10, 2019

We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;
2 Thessalonians 1:3



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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