

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

Sermons for the Lord's Day

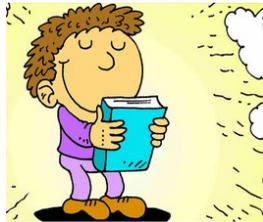
A.M. - About Sanctification #5

P.M. - About Sanctification #6



Announcements Alisal Weekly

1. Wednesday Bible Class - Romans class - chapter 8 #3 - please bring your notebooks.
2. Wednesday Invitation - Charles Barry



Prayer List

1. **The Lord's church** - for stronger dedication from the members.
2. **Charles Barry** - for his physical therapy going well.
3. **Beverly Pereira** - for recovery from the flu.
4. **Norma Decker** - for stronger faith in Jesus and better health.
5. **Rosemarie Johnson** - for relief from her health problems
6. **Bobby Glover** - for strong faith and teaching those he is with.
7. **David Smith** - for better attendance.
8. **Michael White** - for success at truck driving school and service to the Lord.
9. **David & Vicki Ryal** - for good health and David's return to the pulpit.



They Just Won't Listen

Chris Moore

“Then He said to me: ‘Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them. For you are not sent to a people of unfamiliar speech and of hard language, but to the house of Israel, not to many people of unfamiliar speech and of hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, had I sent you to them, they would have listened to you. But the house of Israel will not listen to you, because they will not listen to Me; for all the house of Israel are impudent and hard-hearted’” (Ezekiel 3:4-7).

The people that Ezekiel would be sent to speak to would not be of the world, but religious people. They were of the house of Israel. God tells Ezekiel that they aren't going to listen to him, because they wouldn't listen to Him! Samuel, if you remember, faced the same situation. In 1 Samuel 8, the people wanted a king. They had rejected God as their king. Samuel felt like they were rejecting him but God told him that it was God Himself that they had turned their backs on.

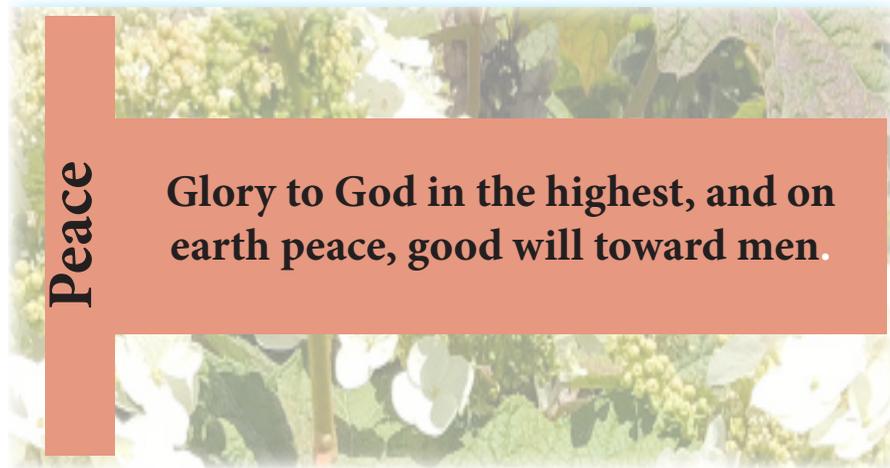
Noah preached over 100 years and no one responded other than his own family. Jesus Christ was rejected while on this earth, and crucified for preaching the truth. Stephen, in the book of Acts, spoke to the crowd and reminded them how their fathers had ignored the prophets and/or stoned them. They then proceeded to do the same to him.

The point is, it isn't just the world that rejects God. Those who profess a love to God will not heed His words. All of us as messengers feel discouraged as folks won't listen and we take it personally, just as Ezekiel, Samuel, and Stephen. Imagine how God feels as He is the ultimate law-giver and Creator at this type of attitude! How did Jesus feel?

Let us try to do what we can and promote God's word and Christ our Savior. Let's not take the rejection personally. And, please, don't blame others as being ineffective or uncaring because folks don't respond as we wish they would. Folks haven't been listening to God for thousands of years. Only a few have listened. I suspect that long after we are gone, that trend will continue.

Where does it say this in the Bible?

Answer to last weeks question... Luke 5:32



Peace

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

No Other Way Dalton Key

The words are unbending. Most people would even call them dogmatic. But they are truth and come from the very lips of the Lord Jesus: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father but by me" (John 14:6).

Jesus allows for no possibility of misunderstanding. His language is clear, concise, and altogether unmistakable in meaning. According to His own words He is the way—and the only way at that—to the Father.

His disciples got the point. Not long after Jesus had ascended back to heaven, Peter boldly proclaimed, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Sincerity is important, but not all-important. Meaning well is an admirable trait, but by itself, without gospel obedience, it will never save a soul. Souls are saved now, as they were in New Testament days, in one way and in one way only—by coming to God through His Son, Jesus the Christ, in the manner prescribed within holy Scripture.

And what does Scripture teach? How does one come to God through Christ? Give close attention to the words of Galatians 3:26,27: "For you are all children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

If salvation is our aim, if heaven is our goal, there simply is no other way.

January 13, 2019

*I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place. The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?
Psalm 118:5-6*



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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