



God's Plan of Salvation

Hear Romans 10:17

Believe Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6

Repent Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10

Confess Romans 10:9-10, Matt 10:32-33

Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16

Remain Faithful Matt 24:13, Rev 2:10, James 1:12

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

Come join us!

The church of Christ at Wasilla meets at:

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Radio Programs on KMBQ 99.7

"Searching the Scriptures"

Our weekly radio program on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM.

Meeting Times

Sunday

Bible Classes **10AM**

AM Worship **11AM**

PM Worship **5PM**

Wednesday

Bible Study **7PM**

Office Hours

Call or check website

Schedule of Events

**Men's meeting Sept. 3rd
talk to Bill**

**Potluck at the Murdock's August
27th after morning services**

Please review your contact info in the church website's directory: www.churchofchristwasilla.com. You will need to log in as a member, if you cannot access it, please contact Bill or Eddie.

Think on These Things

Philippians 4:8

The Jews continued to test Jesus throughout his ministry, and John tells us in John 8:1-11 that they tested him with a woman caught in adultery. His answer in [John 8:7 \(NKJV\)](#) "So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first."

All of us are sinners and therefore outlaws and criminals but Jesus paid the price that rightly was ours. Think about this as we continue to live our lives.

Our Family News

Pray for / Each other that we remain faithful and strong and that our love for one another continues to grow. For all those who are traveling. For those who are hurting, both physically and mentally. For Kelly Riley, Peggy Beebe, Helen Spicer, Ed Maxwell. For George and Joy that their efforts here are fruitful.

Today's Scripture

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Romans 5:12 (KJV)

Wisdom for Today

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 (KJV)

AM/PM Sermon / George Jensen

Evangelist

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Visitors always welcome; Members expected

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1

Outlaw but not a Criminal

By Bill Beebe

I was watching a documentary a week or so ago about the marijuana industry in northern California. It was dealing with both the legal and illegal growers and one person made a statement I found amusing. He was an illegal grower and said that he was an outlaw but he was not a criminal. He justified that statement by saying that he just broke laws that he disagreed with. Thinking about this, I began to realize that that is how many religious people are today.

Many people who are religious, including those who claim to be members of the Lord's church and those in denominations look at sins that way. They are ready to obey and command others to obey God's laws that they agree with, but easily dismiss those that they do not. When Jesus was asked which was the greatest law His answer was recorded by Matthew as **“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”** [Matthew 22:37-40 \(KJV\)](#). Most of the people that I have met that are church goers strongly accept this answer and proclaim it loudly to anyone who will listen. But when it comes to obeying Jesus in this, many fall well short of what we are taught. We often love God when it is convenient, which usually falls well short of loving Him with all our heart. We love God when it does not interfere with our businesses or hobbies. We love God on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings and Wednesday evenings and the rest of the week we often live a life that is indiscernible from those who never profess love for Him. And many of us only claim to love God on Christmas and Easter. Some even go farther than that in that they never worship Him, never assemble with the saints, and never profess Him to others. Oh, many of us are very moral and upstanding citizens who would never consider stealing, murder or rape but we are more than

willing to ignore his commands not to lie if lying will advance our personal fortunes or get us out of an embarrassing situation? We often ignore the commands to feed the poor or to respect His name and not use it vainly. And we are especially willing to ignore [Matthew 28:18-20 \(KJV\)](#) **“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”**

When it comes to the second greatest commandment many of us who believe that we are good Christians love only those who look like us. But anyone that has a different skin color, a different language, and different traditions or just not one in our social circle, is not included in the love of our neighbors. This is one of the primary reasons Jesus told us the parable of the mugging on the Jericho Road ([Luke 10:30-37](#)).

So which type of believer are you? Do you readily disregard those commands that you disagree with but teach obedience to those that you agree with? Wouldn't this allow you to justify a relationship with God that is less than the one He wants with us? It is up to each of us to study the Bible to ensure that we are following all of God's commandments and not just the ones that we agree with or that we have been taught to agree with. Thinking about that farmer, would you consider yourself a Christian outlaw who ignores the commandments that you disagree with but not someone that will be lost eternally? This attitude allows us to think that things will be ok even when we can read that God considers all sins equal. Is this attitude likely to work out well for us when we face Jesus on judgement day?