

Overcoming Evil
Romans 12:17–21

We overcome evil through doing good.

Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.

- When evil is done to us, never do evil in return.
- We must confront evil, rebuke evil, speak out against evil, seek restitution for evil, fight for justice against evil, and punish evil, but never repay evil for evil.
- Christians are to give calculated thought in response to evil - **Matthew 5:38–42**

As much as it is possible, live in peace with everyone.

- Sometimes there is nothing we can do to maintain a relationship - **Romans 16:17**
- We must do all that we can to deescalate a conflict - **Proverbs 15:1 A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.**
- We must do all that we can to avoid unnecessary hostility - **Exodus 23:4 If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall surely bring it back to him again.**
- We must do all that we can to repair a broken relationship - **Matthew 5:23–24 Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.**

Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.

- We are to never seek revenge for an evil done to us - **Proverbs 24:29 Do not say, "I will do to him just as he has done to me; I will render to the man according to his work."**
- Human wrath is selfish and sinful - **James 1:19–20 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.**
- By not taking vengeance into our own hands, we are moving aside and trusting the Lord to do right - **1 Samuel 24:5 Now it happened afterward that David's heart troubled him because he had cut Saul's robe.**

Therefore "IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM; IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP COALS OF FIRE ON HIS HEAD." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

- Heaping coals on the head of an enemy is a metaphor for subduing an enemy.
- God's way is the right and eternal way to overcome evil.
- We are free to do good because Christ has overcome evil - **1 Peter 2:18–25**

When we do good to those who do evil, we show our trust in God and He gets the glory!

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W E L C O M E

As a body of believers, we are unified under the absolute authority and sufficiency of Scripture. We exist to equip the saints through preaching, teaching, and biblical discipleship which results in genuine worship, progressive sanctification, the exercise of spiritual gifts in Christian service, and evangelization of the lost. In everything, our goal and desire is to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ and bring glory to God.

We, the families of the Village Bible Church do lovingly welcome you to this fellowship with us in the blessings of the Gospel.

Announcements

Hymn #267 The Light of the World Is Jesus

Greeting

Offering

Hymn #310 The Old Rugged Cross

Lord's Supper

Hymn #529 It Is Well with My Soul

Message

Hymn #529 It Is Well with My Soul

*As we leave this place, we are entering the Mission Field—
May the Lord find us Faithful!*

FAMILY INFORMATION

Our goal is to promote families worshipping together. We believe children learn much from sharing the worship experience with adults. Please be considerate of others and keep children in their seats and as quiet as possible. Pews in the rear of the Sanctuary are reserved for families with small children.

Cry room – Back of Sanctuary

Nursery 6 mo. – 3 yrs.

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TONIGHT

No Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY 7PM

Bible Study/Kids Club

THURSDAY 10AM

Ladies Bible Study

OCTOBER

Activities:

- 9 – Church Dinner
- 10 – Dorcas Meeting
- 15 – Men's Breakfast
- 27 – NO Ladies Bible Study
- 29 – Church work/clean

Missionary of the Month

Isaiah and Rosanna Peterson

The Petersons and their daughter Tirzah live and serve in Cusco, Peru.

They are very involved in the local churches there; helping with church planting, building projects, children's ministries, and more. Isaiah is working on Bible translation as well as teaching seminary classes. He regularly explores the jungles and surrounding areas to do research on the many languages there and work with the pastors who desire to have the Word of God easily accessible in their language.

The Petersons serve under Baptist Mid-Missions, and their sending church is in Iowa.

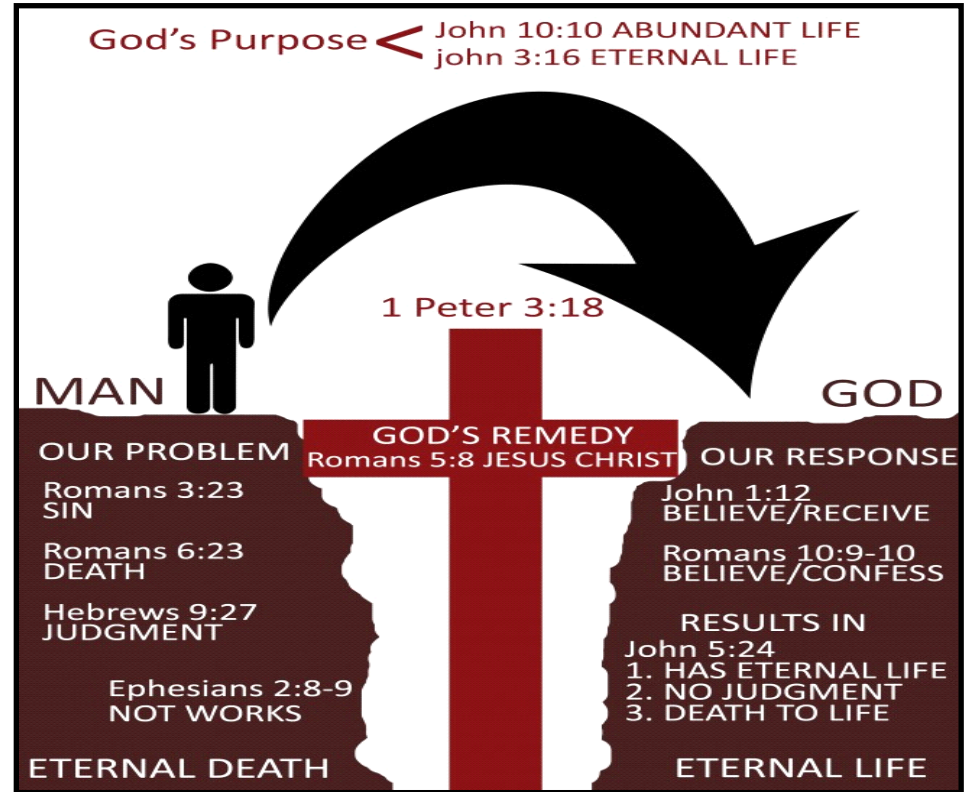
If you would like to give a special gift to this ministry this month, feel free to put it in the offering plate marked accordingly.

October 02, 2022

Pastor JJ Sexton

Village Bible Church

Our Mission is to Preach the Word and to Love the People
"that we may present every man complete in Christ Jesus"



Sunday Morning Sunday School
 Sunday Morning Worship Service
 Sunday Evening Prayer Service
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study
 Services available for all ages

9:30 a.m.
 10:45 a.m.
 6:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.

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*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have
 everlasting life." John 3:16*