



Welcome

1/22/2023

John 3:16

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

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.

Announcements

Hymn #38 Blessed Be the Name

Greeting

Hymn #452 Follow On

Hymn #135 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Offering

Hymn #401 Be an Example

Message

Hymn #405 Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated

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

Missionary of the Month

Pregnancy Service Center

They are a Christ centered pregnancy resource center encouraging life, healing and purity.

They are passionately committed to upholding the sanctity of human life and sharing the light and unconditional love of Jesus Christ with all who enter our center and those reached in the community. We humbly seek to inspire spiritual growth, develop Godly character and promote life-honoring choices that create positive lasting differences in the lives of individuals and their families.

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.

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| <p>This Week: TONIGHT 6PM Prayer Service THURSDAY 10AM Ladies Bible Study Brunch/ review over the Death of Moses/ begin qtr. 4 lesson 8 Rahab WEDNESDAY 7PM Bible Study/Kid's Club SATURDAY 10AM-2PM Women of the Word Conf. (leaving @8:45am)</p> | <p>COMING UP: 29 - Annual Church Mtg./pie fellowship</p> |
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FAMILY INFORMATION

Our goal is to promote families worshiping 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.

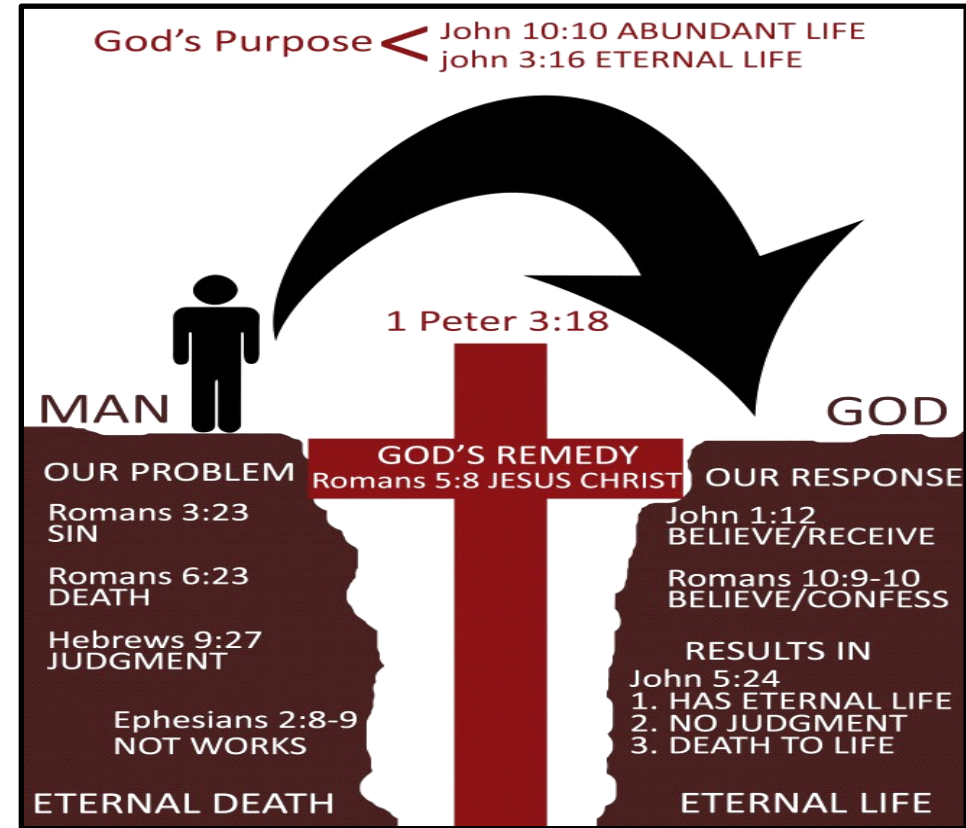
Sarah/Bethanne

January 22, 2023

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

Do Not Cause Another to Stumble
Romans 14:13–15

Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this,

- The command not to judge (condemn one another) closes the previous argument.
- The command to judge (make a determination) begins a new argument.
- The first command is directed toward the weak in faith, the second is for the strong.

not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way.

- It is possible for those who are weak in faith fall into sin by violating their conscience.
- It is possible for those who are weak in faith to fall away from Christ.

I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

- The truth is that, objectively speaking, there is no thing that is ceremonially off limits, or forbidden for use, or illegal to partake of - **Mark 7:15 There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man.**
- But subjectively speaking, almost anything can become illicit or improper if it undermines a Christian's faith.

Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food,

- This is not an externally directed sorrow that another Christian directs toward you because they feel bad that you are doing something they don't think is right.
- Have you stopped to consider that what you are doing is causing another brother or sister in Christ to be held down by a guilty conscience - **Mark 9:42 But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea.**

Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died.

- Stop destroying others for the sake of your liberty.
- To destroy is to be lost, to perish, or to destroy eternally - **1 Corinthians 8:11**
- Have you stopped to consider that what you are doing could cause another person you call a brother or sister to be disillusioned about Christianity, to be undermined about the truth, to be emboldened to remain in sin.
- How valuable is a soul? Is what you are doing more valuable to you than a soul? **Luke 9:56 For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them."**

you are no longer walking in love.

- Love for others is the most important consideration when you practice your liberty.
- If what you are doing somehow causes a brother or sister to stumble in their faith then what you are doing is wrong because it is not done out of love for others but for self.
- Either keep your liberty and destroy another, or love another and die your liberty.

Strong Christians always set aside their liberties for the sake of others - **1 Corinthians 9:19 For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more;**