

No Despising And No Judging
Romans 14:2-4

Why do people come to differing convictions? 1) A person's natural-born temperament; 2) One's previous religious tradition; 3) A previous bad experience with something; 4) The way in which the sinful nature affects one personally; 5) An individual's level of instruction and knowledge; 6) A Christian's objective in life: to please self; to please God; evangelism; edify others

For one believes he may eat all things,

- The issue is that of Old Testament dietary (kosher) law.
- Christians are not under kosher laws - **Romans 14:14, 20; 1 Timothy 4:3b-5**
- The strong must be careful that their liberty is always guided by biblical commandments and principals - **1 Peter 2:16**

but he who is weak eats only vegetables.

- Some Christian Jews cling to kosher law because: 1) their Jewish heritage; 2) a conviction about holiness
- Some Gentile Christians adopt kosher law because of a conviction about holiness.
- The weak must be careful that their convictions do not take them beyond biblical commandments and principals.

Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat,

- The strong are commanded not to despise: to look down, ridicule, and resent
- The strong will be limited by those with a weak conscience who cannot eat all foods which can cause resentment.
- Those who have a strong faith to eat all foods are not to ridicule the biblical arguments of the those who have a weak faith who cannot eat all foods.

and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats;

- The weak are commanded not to judge: to look down, condemn, accuse
- Those who practice kosher law are not to condemn those who don't as sinners.
- The weak who sincerely want to please God are not to accuse the strong of displeasing God by not disciplining their diets.

for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

- There are four considerations given to avoid being judgmental:
 - 1) You are not to condemn a brother as unsaved over these issues of opinion.
 - 2) You are not the in the place of God to determine another's conscience.
 - 3) You are not responsible for another Christian's conscience with the Lord.
 - 4) You are to trust God and allow Him to be Lord over another's conscience.

Spiritual maturity is on one hand, standing firm on biblical truths without compromise. But on the other hand, holding onto convictions of personal opinion without despising and judging others who do not hold the same opinions.

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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 #212 Who Is He in Yonder Stall?

Greeting

Offering

Hymn #223 Born to Die

Lord's Supper

Hymn #199 Joy to the World!

Message

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*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.

Ewa/Kandi

TONIGHT 6PM

*Prayer Service
Adult Choir Practice*

WEDNESDAY 7PM

Bible Study/Kids Club

See

Display

in back for

Christmas Project

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December:

13 - Ladies Christmas Party

17 - Men's Breakfast

18 - Christmas Program

21 - No Wednesday Service

25 - Christmas Sunday

No Evening Service

28 - No Wednesday Service

Missionary of the Month

Gary and Sandy Parker

Gary is the Regional Coordinator of Word of Life in Northern Brazil. This includes a Training Institute to prepare pastors, missionaries, and church leaders, a camp for young people to be evangelized and challenged to live for Christ, a public-school outreach ministry, and a boat ministry throughout the Amazon River area to isolated villages and communities in order to evangelize, train, and plant churches.

They currently have over 80 full time missionaries; two campuses, over 500 students enrolled in training courses, over 5,000 kids attending camps, and are working to plant churches in over 100 river communities without churches!

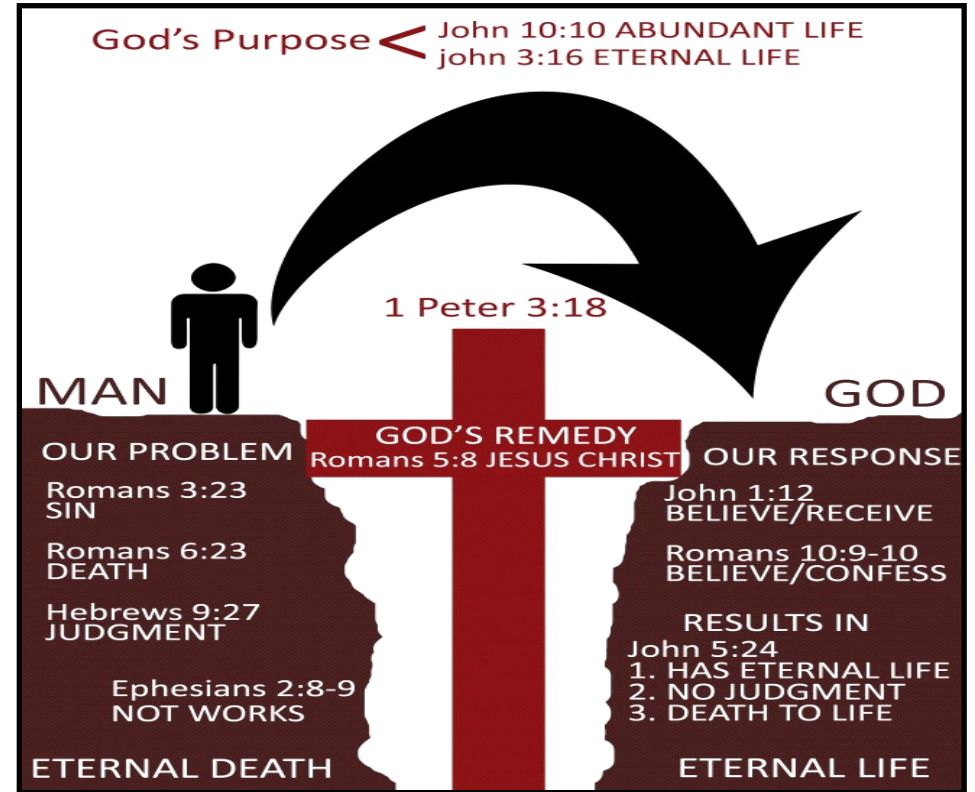
If you would like to give a special gift to this ministry this month, feel free to put it in the offering plate marked accordingly.

December 04, 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*