



# Welcome

1/29/2023

**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 #27 O Worship the King**

**Greeting**

**Hymn #536 Joy in Serving Jesus**

**Offering**

**Hymn #670 Be Strong in the Lord**

**Hymn #57 Be Thou Exalted**

**Message**

**Hymn #464 Lord Be Glorified**

*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.

### This Week:

#### TONIGHT 6PM

Annual Church Mtg./Pie Fellowship

#### THURSDAY 10AM

Ladies Bible Study

#### WEDNESDAY 7PM

Bible Study/Kid's Club

### 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.**

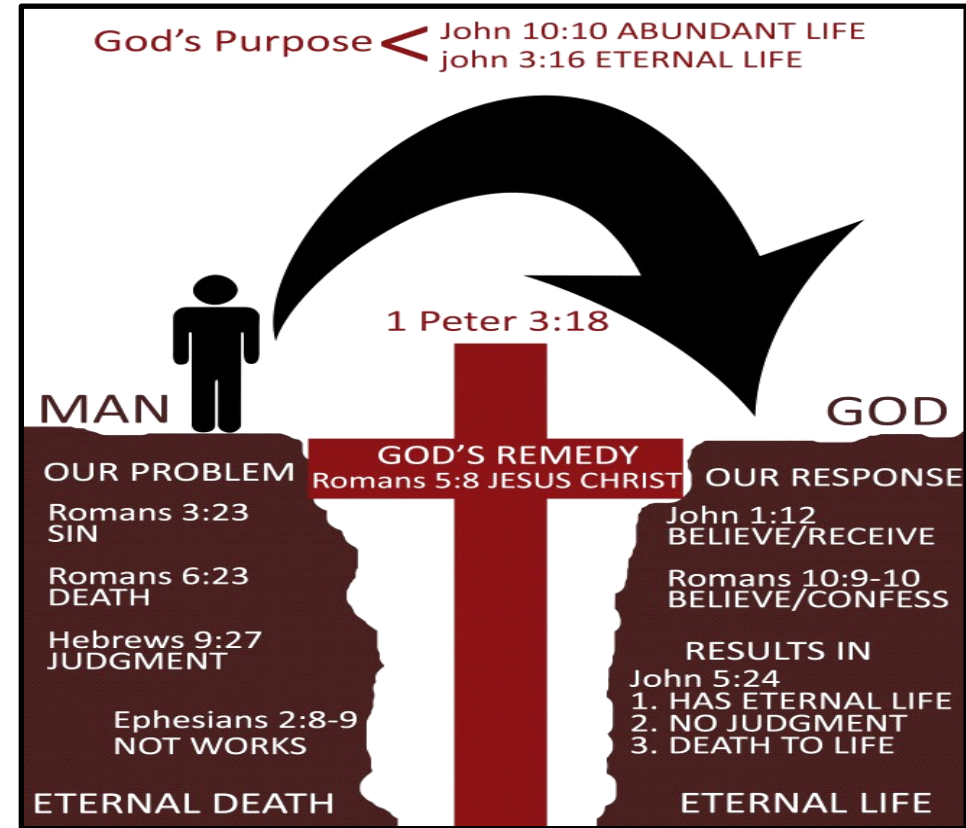
**Lyndzi/Amanda**

January 29, 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*

**With Liberty Comes Responsibility**  
**Romans 14:15–19**

What do I do when my liberty comes into conflict with another Christian's conviction?

*Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died.* - Either keep your liberty and destroy a brother or sister, or love your brother or sister and die to your liberty.

*Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil;*

- Christian liberty is good - **Acts 15:28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things:**
- Christian liberty is not an excuse to push the envelope or be inconsiderate of others - **Galatians 5:13 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.**
- When the practice of your Christian liberty becomes your priority or your defining characteristic then you cause those who disagree to speak against it and you.

*for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

- The reason that our Christian liberty is not our identity is because Christian liberty is not what the kingdom of God is all about.
- Liberty in Christ is not about being free to eat and drink whatever you want! Liberty in Christ is about being set free from the bondage of eating and drinking!
- The essence of the kingdom of God is not about the liberty to indulge in any and every earthly activity that the Mosaic law or religious ceremony might forbid.
- The kingdom of God is only accessible through the Holy spirit - **John 3:5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."**
- The kingdom of God is about doing what is right before God and others.
- The kingdom of God is about living together with God and others apart from conflict.
- The kingdom of God is about enjoying the relationship of God and others.

*For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men.*

- The Holy Spirit takes the same argument that strong Christians use against the weak (that it's misguided to be so restricted by eating and drinking), and uses it to convince the strong Christian that it's misguided to be so free with eating and drinking.
- Putting righteousness, peace, and joy before eating and drinking pleases God and will never cause another person to stumble or to turn away from Christ.

*Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.*

- Strong Christians bear the responsibility of doing everything possible to avoid conflict.
- Strong Christians bear the responsibility of strengthening of the weak.

Brother and sister, our liberty in Christ is not what defines us. What defines us is our willingness to give up our liberty for the sake of the gospel and others.