



Welcome

2/05/2023

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 #256 What a Wonderful Savior!

Greeting

Offering – Offertory by Tyler Bourne

Hymn #305 Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary

Lord's Supper

Hymn #529 It is Well with My Soul

Message

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*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
Prayer Service

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.

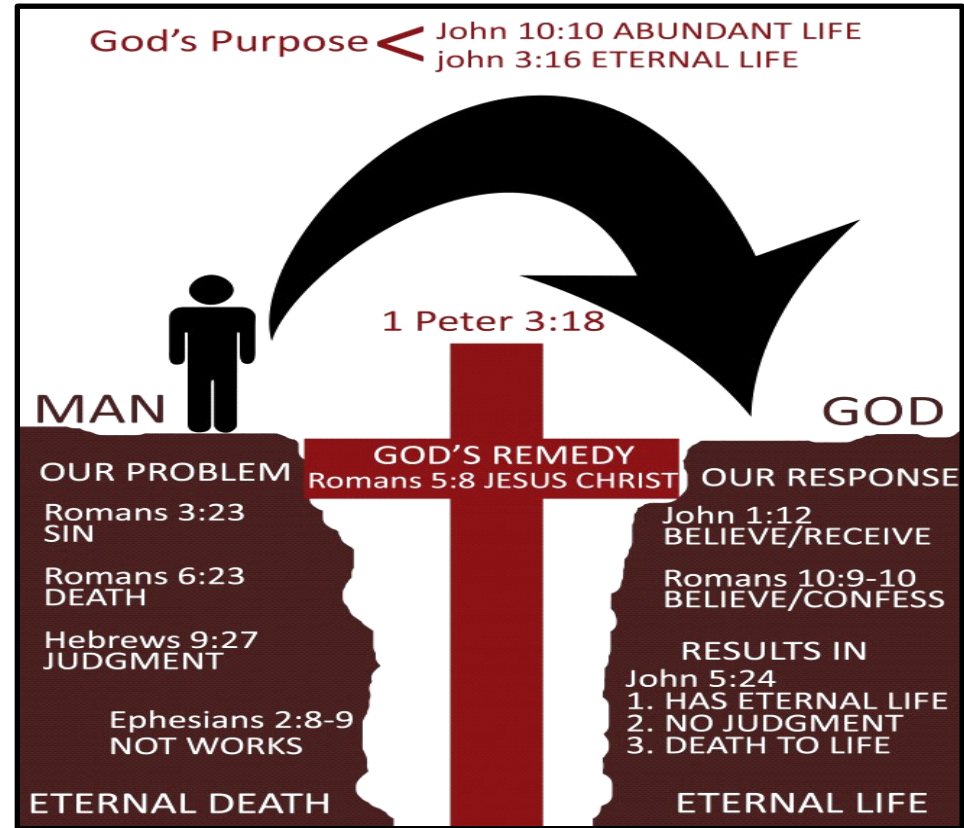
Ewa/Kandi

February 5, 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.”

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Abstaining Is the Thing to Do
Romans 14:20–23

What do you do when what you are doing is causing a conflict with another person?

Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with offense.

- The Holy Spirit commands the strong not to choose food over a brother.
- The weak brother is bound by a guilty conscience and has no options.
- The strong Christian understands the freedom of preferences and options.

It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak.

- If the strong have the option to do or not to do, then don't.
- Refraining from meat eating is not hyperbole but an actual option.
- Refraining from drinking wine is not hyperbole but an actual option - **1 Timothy 5:23 No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities.**
- Alcohol itself is not evil but drinking alcohol is filled with trips and traps - **Proverbs 20:1 Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is a brawler, And whoever is led astray by it is not wise.**
- Christians should consider a position of total abstinence - **Ephesians 5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit**

Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves.

- God has the right to test our conscience - **Proverbs 14:15 The simple believes every word, But the prudent considers well his steps.**
- Some things can be done in some contexts that can't be done in others.
- There is blessing in living before God with a clear conscience.
- There is a blessing in living before others with a clear conscience.

But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.

- When in doubt, don't.
- When you violate your conscience, you are violating the Lordship of Christ.

Brother and sister, spiritual growth comes through humility, surrender, and sacrificial living -

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

A strong Christian is not known by the daring ability to indulge, but by the disciplined humility not to indulge.