



Welcome

1/26/2024

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 #344 My Hope Is In the Lord

Greeting

Hymn #395 Standing on the Promises

Hymn #119 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Offertory Marilyn Will

Hymn #473 More Love to Thee

Message

Hymn #472 My Jesus, I Love Thee

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

Missionary of the Month

Missions Revival

Pregnancy Service Center

PSC is 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 Business Mtg.

WEDNESDAY 7PM
Bible Study/Kids Club

Thursday 2PM
Funeral for LeEtta Morris
Visitation at 1PM

PSC

Diaper Drive
(Requested sizes 4 & Up)

All Month



Coming Up:

2/2-Baptism
2/9-Church Dinner-Meatloaf
2/11-Dorcas Study/Fellowship
2/15-Men's Breakfast

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.

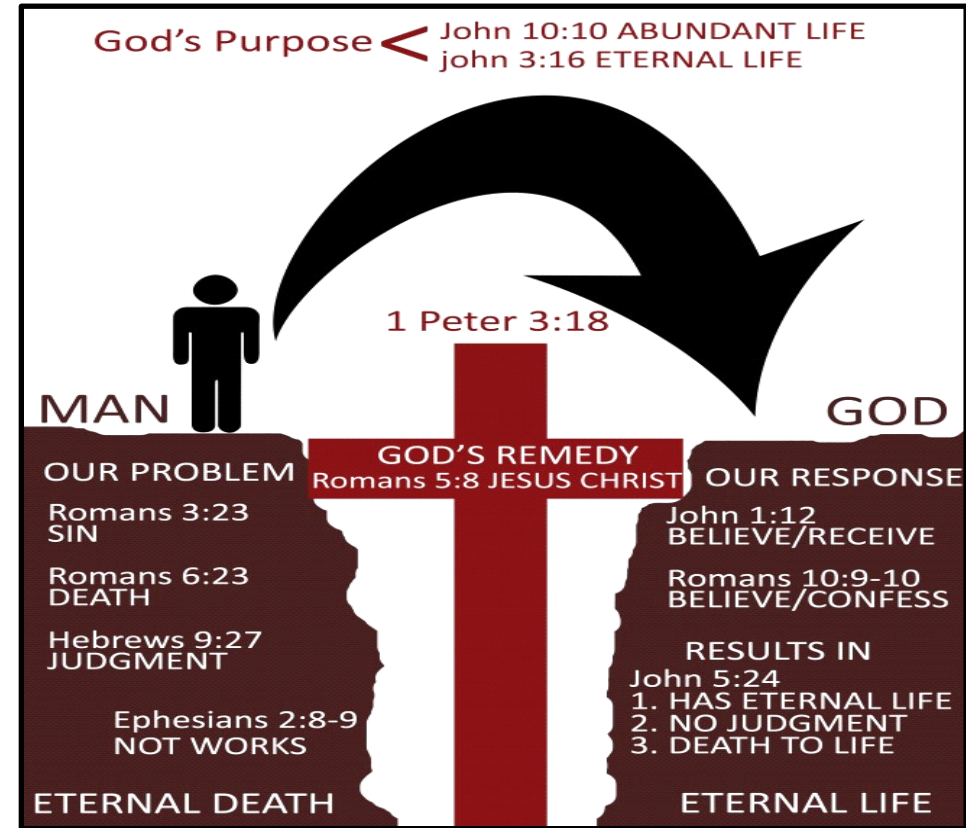
Cry room - Back of Sanctuary
Nursery 6 mo. - 3 yrs.
Kandi

January 26, 2024

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

My Father's Business
Luke 2:39–52

Luke 2:39–40; 51–52 - Jesus fulfilled all the of God's law for righteousness (Mat 5:17). But Jesus did something even greater than fulfilling the law of righteousness, He brought the truth and grace of God to humanity - **John 1:16–17 And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.**

The grace of God in the life of Jesus from His first action and word.

v. 41–45 - Jesus made His first visit to the Temple.

- Joseph and Mary were faithful Jews who closely followed the law of God.
- At thirteen a Jewish son became a *Bar Mitzvah* (Son of the Commandment). It is common to begin participating in some aspects of the law one or two years prior.
- Traveling in large caravans made losing track of the Boy Jesus understandable.

v. 46–50 - Jesus spoke His first words.

- This episode must have been out of the ordinary for the Boy Jesus.
- Joseph and Mary did not charge the Boy Jesus with disobedience.
- The Boy Jesus was at the temple where the learned men met for teaching, discussion, and debate of the Biblical law and theology.
- The Boy Jesus was rightly listening and asking questions.
- The Boy Jesus was able to sort it all out and then put it all together. Only by God's grace can the law be truly understood, applied, and lived out.
- Mary was painfully distressed (Luke 2:35) and asked, "Why did He do it?"
- The Boy Jesus asked questions that were meant to stir Mary's mind, "Why were you anxiously looking every where when you should have known?"
- In the Greek the phrase literally reads, *in the ... the Father's My necessary to be Me or in the ... of My Father it is necessary for Me to be*. There is no corresponding noun to identify what of the Father's Jesus must be in or about.
- *Jesus said to them, "Why did you have to look for me? You should have known that I must be where my Father's work is.*
- To the Boy Jesus the answer was obvious. The Son of God must be where God the Father is. The Son of God must be doing what God the Father is doing.
- From the beginning Christ understood His divinity. Christ's Sonship was not simply His identity, but Sonship was in His divine essence.
- Christ's divinity was not discovered, revealed, or imposed upon Him.
- In His humanity, Christ grew to learn more of being the Son of God.
- His first visit to Jerusalem at 12 years old stirred in Him the reality and purpose of being the Son of God.
- From the youngest of age Jesus demonstrated that He was not a follower of another man's teaching, but as Christ was the Teacher that others would follow.
- The Son of God, as a Boy, surrendered Himself (Php 2:8) and grew to be a Man.

Our young people must give themselves in total devotion to the Father's business.

Parents must raise their children to be totally devoted to the Father's business.

Brother and sister, all of us as children of God must be about our Father's business.