



Welcome

2/16/2025

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 #79 To God Be the Glory

Greeting

Hymn #455 I Am Resolved

Hymn #529 It Is Well with My Soul

Offertory Bille Mooney

Hymn #627 What a Day That Will Be

Message

Hymn #492 Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

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

Missionary of the Month

The Houtz Family to Alaska

Aaron and Rachel have a burden for the many people in the remote villages of Alaska who have never heard about the Gospel of Christ. They have joined the Clark family in the village of Iliamna to help with the church plant, Iliamna Baptist Chapel.

As the Lord wills, they will continue to spread the Gospel through aviation to the nearby villages where there is no consistent Gospel message. Please join them in praying for these small villages, and the dear people who need to hear about the saving work of Christ.

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

Church Dinner:
Theme Meatloaf

WEDNESDAY 7PM

Bible Study/Kids Club

Verse Map Study

Titus 2:4-5

All Ladies are invited to join us in a new verse mapping study this year. We will work on a verse(s) each month on our own at home and discuss it at our monthly meeting. Our first verses are listed above. If you do not have a workbook and would like one, please see Debbie.

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.

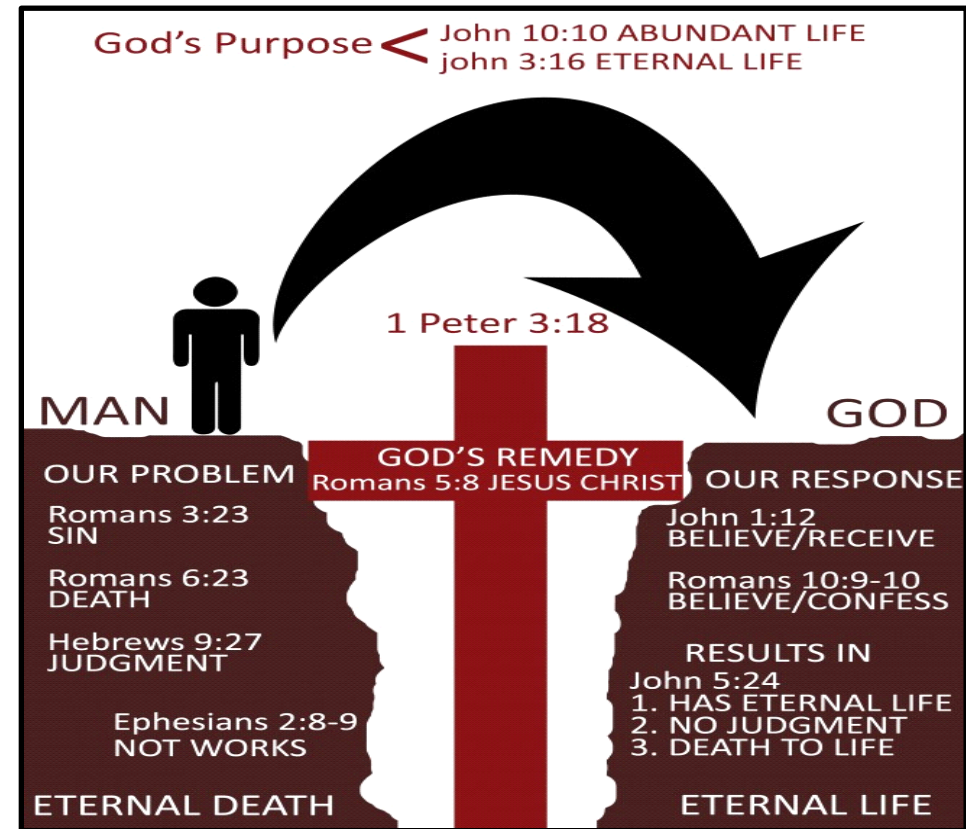
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February 16, 2025

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

John And His Mission

Luke 3:1–6

John was significant because of his relationship to Christ.

John's mission was significant because of it's relationship to the word of God.

John's life was defined, explained and justified by the scriptures.

- Gabriel defined who John would be by Malachi 4:5–6 (Luke 1:17).
- Zacharias defined John's mission by referring to Malachi 3:1 (Luke 1:76).
- John referred to Isaiah 40:1–5 to justify what he was doing (John 1:23).
- Jesus quoted Malachi 3:1 and 4:5 to explain John's ministry (Matthew 11:10–14).
- The four gospel writers state that John fulfilled these three scriptures.

Brother and sister, our lives must be defined, explained, and justified by the scriptures.

John's mission was defined by three Old Testament scriptures.

- John was the messenger who announced the coming of the Lord - **Malachi 3:1**
- The messenger announced the salvation and judgment of God.
- John was Elijah who proceeded the coming of Messiah - **Malachi 4:5–6**
- Elijah would proceed the salvation and judgment of God.
- John was the voice of one crying in the wilderness - **Isaiah 40:3–5**
- The voice would cry out the salvation and judgment of God.
- Chapters 40 through 66 of Isaiah reveal the Consolation of Israel.
- The cry comes in three parts: 1) **40:3–48:22** - The salvation of Israel; 2)
49:1–57:21 - The Messiah; 3) **58:1–66:24** - The Millennial Kingdom

John's mission was to prepare people for the coming of the Messiah.

- Why did God have to send someone before Him to prepare the people?
- Because people are not prepared to meet the Lord and if He comes upon the unprepared then the unprepared will be judged - **Luke 3:17**
- *The voice of one crying* is a strong and intense call which demands attention.
- *Crying in the wilderness* is outside the comforts of a sinful lifestyle. The wilderness is the difficult way full of obstacles and impossibilities.
- *Make His paths straight* is making ready a clear and true and right pathway.
- *Filling valleys, lowering mountains, and straightening crooked places* means doing whatever it takes to clear out a road.
- *Prepare the way of the Lord* means removing any obstacle in the way of the Lord.
- The obstacle of sin must be removed from the heart so that the Lord can enter in.
- John's mission was to prepare people to receive Christ by preaching repentance.

John's mission of preparing souls for the coming of Jesus Christ continues today.

Some need to be prepared.

Some are the ones preparing others.