

Church of Christ

3361 West State Street, Fremont, OH 43420

Worship Services

Sunday Bible Study	10:00 am
Sunday Worship	10:45 am
Sunday Worship	6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 pm

Classes for all ages

Preachers: Ted Bowen and Sean Rizer

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. Learn the truth (Hear) (John 8:32; 17:17; Rom 10:14-18)
2. Believe in Christ (John 8:24; 20:31; Heb 11:6)
3. Repent of all sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30; Rom 2:4; 2 Cor 7:9,10)
4. Confess faith in Christ (Rom 10:10; Acts 17:30; Matt 16:16)
5. Be baptized into Christ for remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)
6. Live faithfully (Revelation 2:10)

7 THINGS TO REMEMBER DURING THE LORD'S SUPPER!

- 1 LORD. "There is one Lord." (Ephesians 4:5)
- 2 THIEVES. "There were also 2 others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death."
(Luke 23:32)
- 3 CROSSES. (Luke 23:39-43; Ephesians 1:7)
- 4 PARTS of HIS GARMENTS. "Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier, a part, and also the tunic." (John 19:23)
- 5 WOUNDS. His head was crowned with thorns. His back was scourged.
His side was cut open. His hands were pierced. His feet were pierced. (John 19-20)
- 6 HOURS of AGONY. Christ was crucified at the 3rd hour and died at the 9th hour.
(Mark 15:25-37)
- 7 SAYINGS of The CROSS. (Matthew 27:46; Luke 23:34, 43-46; John 19:26-30)

ABOVE ALL (By Samuel Matthews)

"For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth" (Deuteronomy 14:2). KJV

Loved ones, we thank and praise God daily for the opportunities we have to share together in God's "righteousness" filling word (Matthew 5:6). Everything that the Bible says is important (Psalm 119:160), but it sometimes uses the phrase "above all." What should we know and what should we do "above all?" We start with the greatness of God. In Psalm 57:5, 11, God's glory is exalted above all. We must

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Sunday Morning

Speaker: Sean Rior

Sunday Morning Worship Only

Birthdays

- 3 Mack Stanley
- 19 Judson Appelhans
- 27 Connie Rowan
- 29 Heidi Frantz
- 31 T.J. Smith

Prayer List

- Kaitlin Baker
- Gen Stanley
- Nora Wiseman
- Jean Adkins
- Jamie Hall
- Kaitlyn Hall
- Ashley Hall
- Nick Hall
- Tina Smith
- Kathy Grove
- Betty Davis
- Mike Foes
- Debbie Rowan
- Charlotte Williams
- Mack Stanley
- Linda Holt
- Lisa Shreve

always put God first in our worship and through our obedience (Matthew 6:33). He is above all the earth (Psalm 97:9) and all the peoples (Psalm 99:2). He is above all nations (Psalm 113:4) and all false gods (1 Chronicles 16:25).

No earthly desire, no political system, and no human doctrine should ever come between us and serving God, because He is far above all such things. The surpassing greatness of God, "above all and through all" (Ephesians 4:6), is something we should teach others. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is far above every created being (Ephesians 1:21). No one could ever be better or more powerful than Him. We also see that God's ability is far beyond anything we could ask or even think (Ephesians 3:20).

Even when we know that God is great above all, we could have problems acting in a way that honors Him. It is easy for us to deceive ourselves and think that we are doing right when we are not. Jeremiah 17:9 says that our hearts are "deceitful above all things." Sometimes even experienced Christians make foolish decisions driven by sinful desires. How do we fight the deception that Satan tries to put into our hearts? We take the actions that God commands us; i.e.; to seek God's way to escape the temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13).

After mentioning mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience – all important traits – Colossians 3:12-14 tells us, "above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection." Love is described as greater than faith and hope (1 Corinthians 13:13) and forms the basis of the two greatest commandments (Matthew 22:36-40). A lack of love can lead to unkindness, pride, and impatience. Christians are also told to "above all things have fervent love for one another" (1 Peter 4:8) because that will cover many sins. Love prevents many sins and makes forgiveness of the sins that do occur much easier.

Ephesians 6:16, in discussing the armor of God, tells Christians to take the shield of faith "above all." Faith helps us fight temptation. No part of the "whole armor" in 6:11-13 is unimportant, but faith is foremost. Victory is found in faith (1 John 5:4). Love for God should flow naturally into faith in what He has revealed and a desire to avoid what He says is sinful.

Putting love and faith "above all" would not surprise many people, but what comes next might. The "above all" in James 5:12 is attached to "do not swear." We must keep our speech pure. Even some Christians are careless about what they say and how they say it. This verse specifically speaks of taking oaths (cf. Matthew 5:33-37), but we also must avoid using bad language. A love for God should prevent us from misusing His name or anything associated with Him; a faith in God should cause us to follow Jesus in what we say as well as what we do (1 Corinthians 10:31).

The Israelites (who were a TYPE of the church or body of Christ) were told that they would be a special treasure to God "above all people" if they would obey Him (Exodus 19:5; Deuteronomy 14:2). If we follow these "above all" commands of love, faith, and pure speech while not neglecting any other commands, we will be Jesus' own peculiar people (Titus 2:13-14; 1 Peter 2:9).