

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 Rizor

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)

September 19, 2021

Sunday Morning

Speaker: Sean Rizor

Sunday Morning Worship Only

Birthdays

- 3 Charlotte Williams
- 8 Connie Runion
- 19 Melvin Monroe
- 21 Cain Hall

Anniversaries

- 4 Mike & Janet Baker

Prayer List

Kaitlin Baker
Gen Stanley
Nora Wiseman
Jean Adkins
Nick Hall & family
Tina Smith
Betty Davis
Mike Foss
Debbie Rowan
Charlotte Williams
Mack Stanley
Linda Holt
Mercedes Speck

"I WAS CRUSHED" by David Dann

In Old Testament times God punished His people Israel for the sins they had committed against Him by having a foreign nation conquer and capture the disobedient Israelites. Of this punishment, the Lord spoke to His people through the prophet Ezekiel, saying, "Yet I will leave a remnant, so that you may have some who escape the sword among the nations, when you are scattered through the countries. Then those of you who escape will remember Me among the nations where they are carried captive, because I was crushed by their adulterous heart which has departed from Me, and by their eyes which play the harlot after their idols; they will loathe themselves for the evils which they committed in all their abominations" (Ezek.

6:8-9, NKJV).

Notice that concerning the sins of Israel God says, "I was crushed by their adulterous heart which has departed from Me" (v. 9, NKJV). Various Bible versions translate the passage to say that God was "broken" (KJV, ESV), "hurt" (NASB), or "grieved" (NIV) by the disobedience of His people.

What is the significance of the fact that God was "crushed" by Israel's sin? Please consider that the statement made in Ezekiel 6:9 reveals:

1. The heart of the Lord. God cares about what His people do and about how they respond to His love. In response to Israel's persistent sin, He says, "I was crushed by their adulterous heart which has departed from Me, and by their eyes which play the harlot after their idols" (Ezek. 6:9). The Lord compares His relationship with His people to that of a loving husband who has been abandoned by an immoral wife. We need to understand that our God is hurt and heartbroken when His people choose to sin against Him.

2. The seriousness of sin. It is not a light thing for a child of God to choose to sin against Him. When God's people choose to violate His will their sin constitutes a personal and hurtful crushing blow to the very Creator who "demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). Of those who turn back from following the Lord, the Bible says: "they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame" (Heb. 6:6). God is grieved when His people choose to fulfill their own selfish lusts or turn aside after false doctrine instead of remaining loyal to Him.

3. The impact of disobedience. The negative impact of sin does not only hurt the one who commits the sin. While it is true that the sinner is hurting himself, it is also true that He is destroying His relationship with God. Of the rebellious inhabitants of Jerusalem who rejected Jesus during His earthly ministry, the Bible says, "Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, 'If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes'" (Lk. 19:41-42). God is hurt when His children love to sin more than they love Him.

Conclusion

"In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him" (1 Jn. 4:9). How are you living in response to God's love? Are you living a life of loyalty and faithfulness to God and His word, or are you living the kind of life that would leave the Lord crushed and heartbroken?