

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)

FAITH IN THREE POINTS

T. Sean Sullivan

Introduction:

Luke records a time when Paul was in Roman house prison in Acts 24. Throughout the context of this chapter Paul is on trial before Felix the governor; with one Tertullus, speaking false-accusations against Paul.

Later in the chapter, in the context of our lesson, we find Felix coming to visit Paul desiring to learn more about faith in Christ. It is here that Paul explains the reason for "faith in Christ". This context does not record Paul's whole lesson.

Luke summarizes Paul's declaration in three complimentary subject points: Righteousness. Self-control. Preparing for the judgment to come.

October 10, 2021

Sunday Morning

Speaker: Sean Rizor

Sunday Morning Worship Only

Birthdays

- 4 Mason Frantz
- 7 Vicki Shue
- 8 Dustin Rowan
- 20 Janet Baker
- 25 Cory Davis
- 28 Frances Northcutt
- 30 Josie Appelhans

Anniversaries

- 24 Matt & Stacey Appelhans
- 27 Sean & Stephanie Rizor

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
- Mary Schimming

When we share the faith with others these are the reasons that motivate us, and these are reasons they should be motivated to obey. Let's consider these thoughts in greater detail.

Faith in Christ Requires Righteousness

Righteousness is being right in God's sight. It is Jesus who makes this possible; He leads us to the Father (John 14:6). In Christ's doctrine we have the opportunity of a relationship with both Christ and the Father (2 John 9). To have a relationship with God we must be accepted by Him-Paul, in Ephesians, chapter one (Ephesians 1:3-10).

The word "righteousness" also relates that we have a standard of right. There is a standard of right when it comes to faith. The New Testament claims to supply only "one faith" (Ephesians 4:5)-that is the "faith in Christ" that we are looking for. Romans 1:1-6 speaks of "the faith among all nations"- "the faith" was taught among all nations: not many faiths just "the faith". Romans 10:17 says "Faith comes by hearing the word of God". Jude 3 declares, "concerning our common salvation...contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints."

It is the word of God -the source of the faith- that instructs us in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Certainly, Paul was drawing attention to the word of God and our need to follow its instructions. Righteousness is faith in action (James 2:20-26)

Righteousness Requires Self-Control:

God's will provides for a better way of living (Romans 12:1-2). This better life (Galatian 5:22-23) has better rewards (Hebrews 10:35). However, we must maintain "righteousness" in order to experience this life and its rewards. The necessity of controlling one's self is now our focus. Once we obey the gospel; we enter into a maintenance phase where we work at moving up and ahead, while striving not to go back. This requires determination; look again at Hebrews 10:35-39 and note the actions involved: endurance, doing the will of God, not drawing back. We push onward and upward to the saving of the soul. This focus on self-control is clearly linked to our ultimate success.

There are many reminders of our need to maintain righteousness through self-control: Matthew 16:24 "deny himself, and take up his cross..." 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 "discipline my body and bring it into subjection". 1 Thessalonians 5:6-10 "put on the breastplate of faith and love, and the helmet of salvation...to obtain salvation." Even Revelation 2:10 "be faithful until death and I will give you are crown of life."

Maintaining Righteousness Prepares Us for Judgment

Judgment is certain (Hebrews 9:27). The timing is not known, except by the Father (Matthew 24:36; Acts 17:31). We cannot know and do not need to know (1 Thessalonians 5:1-9). We need only to be prepared (1 Peter 1:6-9).

Just as certain as Christ was taken up after His resurrection, He will come again bringing the Day of Judgment to us all. The promise of His return is clear, the certainty of His return is absolute, only the timing is unknown. The purpose of Christ's return is: To bring an end to all things (2 Peter 3:10). To gather the faithful (Ephesians 1:10; 1 Corinthians 15:24). To bring judgment on the world (Acts 17:31). To fulfill the eternal purpose of God (Matthew 25:34).

Paul was trying to convince Felix that faith in Christ is the key to being prepared for the Judgment. We have the foundation for such faith: God gave all those who are willing to believe the hope of salvation (John 3:16). Jesus gave us the proof to believe (John 20:30-31). Having all that we need to believe, we must prepare ourselves now (2 Corinthians 5:10-11a).

Conclusion:

In this life we are striving for two things. To save both ourselves and those who hear us, just as Paul declared to Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:16.

When we encounter the gospel message, we find the hope of righteousness, the direction of self-control, and the knowledge that we must prepare for Judgment Day. It is these same reasons that we use to convince others as well.

The thought of eternal condemnation should scare us. The gospel is what we need to avoid that condemnation. What is holding you back? What "reason" is better than God's plan? It is time to really think this through. Obey, right now.