

# Church of Christ

3361 West State Street, Fremont, OH 43420

## Worship Services

Sunday Bible Study 10:00 am

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*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)

April 24, 2022

Songs & Lord's Supper:

Chris Frantz

Speaker: Sean Rizor

Sunday Morning Only

### Birthdays

21 Jett Appelhans

### Anniversaries

26 Kevin & Sandra Foos

### Prayer List

Gen Stanley  
Jean Adkins  
Tina Smith  
Betty Davis  
Kathy Foos  
Charlotte Williams  
Mack Stanley  
Linda Holt  
Brenda Slattman  
Mary Schimming

## DOES MAN HAVE FREE WILL?

by Heath Rogers

One of the consequences of the false doctrine of Calvinism is that man is declared incapable of choosing spiritual good over evil. It is argued that when Adam sinned, he plunged the entire human race into spiritual ruin and thus he lost for himself and his descendants the ability to choose in the spiritual realm.

It is true that Adam brought sin, and its consequences, upon mankind. However, the Bible says nothing of us losing our free will as a result of Adam's sin. A casual reading of the Bible shows that it was written to a race capable of choosing to serve God. All emphasis is mine (HR).

*"If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it" (Genesis 4:7).*

*"I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live" (Deuteronomy 30:19).*

*"And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15).*

*"Come now, and let us reason together," says the LORD..." (Isaiah 1:18).*

*"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).*

*"And the Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let him who hears say, 'Come!' And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17).*

The Bible also makes it clear that man is held responsible for choosing not to come to God and not to receive His salvation.

*"Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD" (Proverbs 1:29).*

*"You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you" (Acts 7:51).*

*"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing!" (Luke 13:34).*

In the above verse, Jesus is recorded as wanting desperately to save the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Their destruction was not blamed upon their inability to choose, but upon their refusal to accept the Lord. There is a difference between the two.

If we don't have free will, in what sense can we be held accountable for our sin and thus worthy of eternal damnation? What kind of a god would acknowledge our inability to choose, yet hold us responsible for our actions? This is not the God of love that we read about in the Bible (1 Timothy 2:3-4).

A theology that denies man's ability to choose does not offer freedom from sin, but from responsibility. Herein lies both the attraction, and the deception, of the false doctrine of Calvinism.