

Church of Christ

3361 West State Street, Fremont, OH 43420

Worship Services

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

Classes for all ages

Preachers: Ted Bowen and Sean Rizer

June 19, 2022

Songs & Lord's Supper:

Chris Frantz

Speaker: Ted Bowen

Wednesday Bible Study

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)

Birthdays

- 18 Jessie Davis
- 18 Makayla Rizer

Aniversaries

- 20 Chris & Heidi Frantz

Prayer List

- Gen Stanley
- Jean Adkins
- Tina Smith
- Betty Davis
- Kathy Foss
- Mack Stanley
- Mary Schimming
- The family of Charlotte Williams

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)

"BY WHAT AUTHORITY...?"

David A. Cox

"Now when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?'"
- - (Matthew 21:23).

In this verse, we know that the chief priests and elders were not honest in the question they asked Jesus. We see their dishonesty as they contemplated how they would respond to the question Jesus asked them (vs. 25-28), Jesus did not rebuke them for asking the question, but He simply would answer their question by

asking them a question. The dishonesty of the chief priests and elders did not diminish the fact that the question was one of utmost importance. Authority means "the power or right to command, make decisions, enforce obedience." Whose authority are we following? It is a good question that all God-fearing people should ask and consider as they seek to worship and serve God pleasingly (John 4:24; Colossians 3:17).

The Misplacement of Authority

Men place authority in religion in many different things. Many place authority for what is done religiously in their own conscience and feelings. Sometimes men will look to other men such as Joseph Smith, Martin Luther, John Calvin, or some other religious leaders for their authority. Many look to a council, convention, the majority, or even their ancestors. When a man looks to the wrong place for his authority, a division is created in the religious world. In First Corinthians 1, we find those at Corinth saying, "I am of Paul, and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ (verse 12). Here we see the misplacement of their authority was causing the church to be divided. Seeing the division, Paul instructed them, "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Corinthians 1:10). Paul told them that unity was expected and that it was possible. How? As they would recognize and heed the one authority, unity could be achieved and maintained.

The One True Authority Is Christ

We can see that Christ is the authority that we are to follow. Before Christ's ascension into heaven, He told His disciples, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth" (Matthew 28:18). When Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus, he explained the position of authority that the Father had placed in Christ: "when He raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come: And He put all things under His feet and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church" (Ephesians 1:20- 22). Paul writes to the Corinthians about the authority continuing until Jesus returns. "Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power" (1 Corinthians 15:24). We are given abundant proof that Christ now has all authority. He is the one true authority and will continue to have this authority until this world comes to an end.

We Will Be Judged By His Words

In John 12:48, Christ declared that the word that He had spoken would be the standard by which men will be judged. That makes perfect sense because He is the One with all authority. In Hebrews 5:9, the writer, speaking of Christ, said, "And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all that obey Him." Salvation is conditioned upon one's response to the commands given by our authority, Christ.

Christ is our authority today. He has the right to give commands, make decisions and enforce obedience. We must, then, be obedient to the gospel of Christ. On the day of judgment, we will be judged according to how our lives measure up to the gospel given. Our destiny will be determined by whether we have been obedient or disobedient to the gospel.