

Church of Christ

3361 West State Street, Fremont, OH 43420

Worship Services

Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a m
Sunday Worship 10:45 a m
Wednesday 7:00 p m

Classes for all ages

Preachers: Ted Bowen and Sean Rizer

June 26, 2022

Songs & Lord's Supper:

Melvin Monroe

Speaker: Sean Rizer

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)

July

Birthdays

- 03 Mack Stanley
- 14 Brain Wagner
- 16 Ashley Hall
- 19 Judson Appelhans
- 27 Connie Rowan
- 29 Heidi Frantz
- 31 T.J. Smith

Aniversaries

- 29 Jim & Jean Adkins

Prayer List

- Gen Stanley
- Jean Adkins
- Tina Smith
- Betty Davis
- Kathy Foos
- Mack Stanley
- Mary Schimming

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)

THE MIND OF CHRIST

By Joe R. Price

The apostle Paul referred to and applied an Old Testament prophecy when he said, "For who knows the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ" (1 Cor. 2:16; Isa. 40:13). What did he mean, "we have the mind of Christ?" Is what Jesus thought and taught available to us today? If so, what must we do to have the mind of Christ?

The apostles of Christ received the gospel they preached by divine revelation, "But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by men is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ" (Gal. 1:11-12). Thus, the context of

Paul's statement in 1 Corinthians 2:16 is applied to the apostles. The good news preached by the apostles is not the product of the mind of man. If it were, then we could rely on human wisdom to instruct, correct, and guide us in spiritual things. Many people rely on human wisdom in spiritual things. Yet, the wisdom of man is foolishness before God (1 Cor. 3:19). We are most grateful that God did not leave us to rely on human wisdom for our understanding of truth and our salvation from sin (cf. Prov. 14:12; 16:25; Jer. 10:23). God revealed the things He prepared for those who love Him. God appeals to mankind to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth by means of the revealed gospel (1 Cor. 2:9-10; 1 Tim. 2:3-4).

The Holy Spirit inspired the apostles to speak and write the mind of Christ. "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak... for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you... Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you" (John 16:13-15; 1 Cor. 2:10-13). The apostles of Christ did not keep "the mind of Christ" (the gospel) to themselves. They went everywhere preaching it as Jesus commissioned them (Mark 16:15-20). When we read the New Testament we are reading the mind of Christ. Imagine that. To be able to read what Christ thinks. When we view the New Testament this way we are more apt to respect it and humbly obey it in our lives.

Could it be that we fail to learn what the New Testament teaches because we have not truly accepted that it is the word of God and not the words of men (please read 1 Thess. 2:13)? The apostle Paul said, "If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord" (1 Cor. 14:37).

What must we do to have the mind of Christ?

(1) Have an enthusiastic desire and commitment to do the will of God (John 7:16-17). You will have very little interest in learning God's will if you are not eager to do His will. You will flounder around in doubt and uncertainty, tossed about by the doctrines of men (Eph. 4:14). So, be certain you want to know and do God's will. Do not rely on your feelings or experiences to decide what God wants you to do, but on what God's word says He wants you to do (Jer. 17:5-8).

(2) Diligently learn God's word (2 Tim. 2:15). People do not wake up one morning and suddenly find they are full of a knowledge of God's word (Col. 1:9). Such results from faithful reading, meditation, study, and application of God's word (1 Tim. 4:13; Ps. 1:1-2; 119:15, 97-104). There is no shortcut to understanding the Bible, the mind of Christ. Now is the time to start reading, meditating, studying, and living the gospel of Christ.

(3) Obey the word of Christ without hesitation (Matt. 7:24-27; John 8:31-32). We do not have faith unless we live what we learn from God's word (Rom. 10:17; Heb. 11:6). There is no eternal value in learning but not living the truth of God (Luke 6:46). When you learn the truth of Christ it is essential you obey it (2 Cor. 6:2).

God's word is the revelation of the mind of Christ. We have a magnificent blessing, privilege, and responsibility before us. We can know the mind of Christ by learning and living the word of Christ (the New Testament). We will never learn the gospel unless we first commit ourselves to doing God's will. We can have the mind of Christ in us by believing and obeying what we learn. This happens as we learn God's word through diligent study (2 Pet. 3:18). Christ is "formed in you" when you know and obey His gospel (Gal. 4:19; Col. 1:27).

Do you know God? Are you sure? You can be (1 John 2:3-6). He speaks to you in His Son (Heb. 1:1-2). His Son speaks to you through His apostles (1 Cor. 14:37). They received the mind of Christ through revelation and spoke it by inspiration (1 Cor. 2:6-16). You can have the mind of Christ when you diligently study His word and obey Him in all things (Col. 3:9-10, 16-17; Heb. 10:16).