

The Church of Christ @ Fremont

3361 W. 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

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)

August 28, 2022

Songs: Chris Frantz

Lord's Supper: Tony Smith

Speaker: Ted Bowen

Wednesday Bible Study

Birthday

- 11 Ken Rowan
- 13 Anita Montague
- 19 Becky Monroe
- 29 Zephan Monroe

Anniversaries

- 04 Tony & Tina Smith
- 22 Melvin & Becky Monroe

Prayer List

- Gen Stanley
- Jean Adkins
- Tina Smith
- Betty Davis
- Kathy Foos
- Mack Stanley
- Jacob Runion

NO PRIVATE INTERPRETATION by Michael R. Baggett

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:20-21, KJV).

The Bible did not come by the will of man, but holy men of God were moved to speak and write by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, people cannot give a passage any meaning that suits their fancy. The Old Testament prophecies are often taken literally when they were intended to be figurative or symbolic in their application. Many passages that describe physical things often have a spiritual application. Let me give you an example.

"In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old: That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the Lord that doeth this" (Amos 9:11-12, KJV).

In Act Chapter 15, the apostles, and elders of the church at Jerusalem discuss the matter of whether Gentiles should be circumcised and keep the law. Certain Jews, who had named the name of Christ, were teaching that Gentiles should be circumcised and keep Moses' law. The Holy Spirit led these apostles to conclude that Gentiles should not be required to be circumcised or keep the old law. During the discussion, the verse from Amos 9:11 (above) is quoted and applied.

"And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying Men and brethren, hearken unto me: Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, 'After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all the things'" (Acts 15:13-17).

James quotes from Amos 9:11-12 and makes his application that the Gentiles, not only Jews, would be called to be part of the rebuilt ruins and tabernacle of David. Question: When would this take place? Well, James said, it already had happened! The spiritual ruins had to be raised before the Gentiles could be taken out as a people for the Lord's name! Read it again. The inference is that the rebuilt ruins or tabernacle of David must be the Church of the Lord and not a literal material building. This must be a spiritual house; therefore, a spiritual application has been illustrated to us by the Holy Spirit. Indeed, God had "visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for his name" for back in Acts Chapter 10 we can read about the conversion of the first Gentile Cornelius and his friends under the preaching of Peter, or Simeon as he is sometimes called (See Acts 10:34-48; 15:13). When you read what James said about the Old Testament passage, you read what the Holy Spirit meant by the words of the Old Testament prophet. No man alive can change the meaning. It is of "no private interpretation because holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." James spoke by the Holy Spirit to explain what Amos meant ever so clearly. Don't you agree?

There are those who will take this passage, and similar passages (Isaiah 66), and teach that one day God is going to rebuild the literal Tabernacle or Temple and even restore sacrifices in Jerusalem! James teaches us the ruins of David and Tabernacle have been rebuilt as a spiritual tabernacle that includes Gentiles who respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ, just as God had promised. It is fulfilled!

Now, consider this: why would the Temple be rebuilt today? The sacrifices and everything associated with Temple worship are inferior to Christ and His Blood sacrifice. Jesus Christ took away the inferior sacrifices which served to point to the better system Jesus would establish (Hebrews 8:13; 9:10). The material Temple was destroyed for the last time in A.D. 70 which pictured and finalized the vanishing away of that old system. The physical place for sacrifices was now demolished just as the old system itself had already taken away, nailed to the cross of Jesus Christ (See Colossians 2:11-17; Hebrew 8:13). Jesus told His disciples this generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled. The Temple would be destroyed in about a generation from the time He spoke these words (Matthew 24:1-2, 34; Luke 21:20-24). If we calculate Jesus speaking these words in A.D. 30 and understand the Temple was destroyed in A.D. 70, simple math gives us 40 years, a generation! The Jews didn't only lose their Temple but lost all their family records and therefore don't even know which tribe they belong to today! The Temple system with all its activity has served its purpose as it merely foreshadowed a better system to come. Christ' spiritual building the Church has been established (Acts 2:41, 47).

If you will accept it, the Church is the Israel of today (See Galatians 6:16). All people are welcomed into the Church of Christ (Galatians 3:26-29). There is no special treatment for Jews today. The Tabernacle or Temple has served its purpose. Jesus is our spiritual King descended from David, and He reigns presently from the right hand of God over His Kingdom (See Hebrews 1:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:23-28). The Church and Kingdom of God do exist as the rebuilt ruins of the tabernacle of David. The New Testament tells us its ruins have been rebuilt (Acts 15:13-17). It is a spiritual house and kingdom. Are you a part of it?