

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)

November 20, 2022

Songs: Chris Frantz

Lord's Supper: Tony Smith

Speaker: Ted Bowen

Wednesday Bible Study

Invitation: Melvin Monroe

Birthday

10 Jahred Monroe
25 Ted Bowen
30 Chris Frantz

Prayer List

Gen Stanley
Jean Adkins
Betty Davis
Mike Baker
Kathy Foos
Connie Runion
Julie Wagner
Jacob Runion
Deb Hall & family
Mack Stanley
Tina Smith

ARE YOU SATISFIED?

by Bill Pierce

When talking with people concerning religion, I hear this statement, "I'm happy and satisfied with my religion!" It is true that religion is to bring happiness and contentment, but let me raise some questions about this statement that is often made. What is it about "your religion" that gives this satisfaction? Is it because it is in harmony with truth - the Gospel? Is it because you were raised to believe this way and you have accepted it without examination because it is the faith of your parents? Is it because you like the people

where you attend and your loyalty to them gives you this satisfaction? Is it because of a certain social status you have where you attend that produces satisfaction?

But you may be thinking "Why are you asking these questions? Isn't one religion as good as another?" To this question we give a definite NO! The word religion means, "To bind back or again." Religion is for the purpose of binding the sinner back to God - to unite the sinner with God. Only the religion of Christ can do this! The N.T. speaks of "One Faith" or one religion (Eph. 4:4-5). It is the faith or doctrine of Christ, the Gospel, outlined in the N. T. If what you believe is not in harmony with what the N.T. teaches, your faith is vain - useless as far as binding you back to God (Mt. 7:21-23).

But you ask, "Why do I feel so good in what I believe?" Our feelings are based upon what we believe to be true. Our knowledge may be faulty, but if we believe it to be true, it is true and we feel good. We react happily or adversely, by what we believe. An example of this is found in the O.T. When Jacob was told, by his eleven sons, that his favorite son, Joseph, had been killed by a wild beast, he believed it and would not be comforted (Gen. 37:29-36). But all the while, Joseph was alive in Egypt. But to Jacob, Joseph was dead and his faith in this produced the grief he experienced. Paul said, "I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day" (Acts 23:1). Yet, he had persecuted and killed Christians before he himself became one. How was it possible for him to have a good conscience while doing what was wrong? Because he acted in harmony with the faith that he had. He said, "I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth." What he believed - thought he should do, he did and as a result he had a good conscience. He later wrote, "I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief" (1 Tim. 1:13). Jesus told his Apostles that the time would come "that whosoever killeth you WILL THINK that he doeth God service" (John 16:2). Faith in such action would produce a feeling that they were doing God's will, but were they? Solomon said: "There is a way THAT SEEMETH RIGHT unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 16:25). That which may seem right, that produces a good feeling, may lead to eternal condemnation. Yes, you may feel good, you may be completely satisfied with what you believe - and be lost!

But you ask, "How can I know I am a Christian?" Paul wrote, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." (Rom. 8:16). The Spirit, through the Gospel, has revealed what one must do to become a Christian: Faith in Jesus Christ (John 8:24; Heb. 11:6), Repentance from sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38; 17:30), Confession that Jesus is the Son of God (Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:9-10), Baptism (immersion) in water for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). If you have done this, the Spirit unites with your spirit in declaring you a child of God. If you haven't done this, but followed the teachings of men, you may be satisfied, you may feel good, but you are in a lost state according to the Scriptures! Our feeling good and being satisfied is based upon our knowledge of and obedience to truth. (Acts 8:26-39). Feeling good is not a proof of our salvation - but is a result of it! Are you a New Testament Christian?