

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)

December 18, 2022

Songs & Lord's Supper

Chris Frantz

Speaker: Ted Bowen

Wednesday Bible Study

Invitation: Melvin Monroe

Birthdays

- 3 Tina Smith
- 4 Jordan Chapman
- 4 Stephanie Rizer
- 5 Chloe Rizer
- 29 Jessalyn Schadwil

Anniversaries

- 26 Paul & Connie Runion

Prayer List

Gen Stanley
Jean Adkins
Betty Davis
Kathy Foos
Connie Runion
Janet Baker & family
Mack Stanley
Tina Smith
Deb Rowan

ARE WE THE ONLY ONES SAVED?

Michael R. Baggett

Today I want to discuss the idea that is often heard, "They think they are the only ones going to heaven." Before I answer this one, let me state that what I think or anyone else thinks is not the issue, it is what God reveals in the New Testament. One thing the reader should do to give this article a fair shake is to forget for now anything you think you know. Let's look at this matter with a fresh set of eyes unbiased by tradition and the doctrines of men. Religious leaders over the last 1900 years have changed, taken away, and added much to the doctrine of Christ. It is my aim to answer this briefly considering only the teachings of the scriptures.

Let's get down to specifics by pointing out one cannot be in Christ and outside of His Church. Now, before you stop reading and claim that church membership has nothing to do with salvation, remember what I asked you to do while

reading this article. Imagine you are from a far country that doesn't know having no preconceived thoughts on the matter. Please notice that Jesus planned only one Church and called it "My church" (Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 4:4). This church would be built upon the foundational truth that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God (Matthew 16:18,19). It was built, planted firmly in Acts 2:38-41, 47, which records the birth of the Church of Christ. Church is a word which means in the Greek "Those who are called out." Next, we must understand that we are called by the preached gospel (2 Thessalonians 2:14). When one responds to the gospel call, his past sins are forgiven and he is added to that spiritual institution the Church by the Lord Himself (See Acts 2:41, 47). The Church is also called the body of Christ. Ephesians 1:22, 23 tells us the church is His body. On over in Ephesians, Paul tells us concerning Jesus "...and he is he savior of the body" (Ephesians 5:23). On down in Ephesians 5:25 concerning the Church/body it says "...and gave himself for it." Is it reasonable to say that the Church is not important to salvation? Consider Acts 20:28 which clearly teaches that Jesus purchased the Church with His own Blood. Christ gave His own lifegiving Blood in exchange for His Church. In view of these clear passages, how could salvation be found outside of Christ's Church? Remember, the Church is the saved. Friends, those in Christ are those in His Church which make up the saved people. To deny this is to deny the Bible.

Who is added to the Lord's Church? It is the one who "...obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which has been delivered you" (Romans 6:17, KJV). The next verse says, "Being then delivered from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Romans 6:18). When specifically, does one obey from the heart that form of doctrine and are then delivered from sin? Backing up in the context to Romans 6:1-7, it teaches this is when one is baptized into Christ' death. In His death is where His Blood was shed. One is not believed into Christ, but upon believing, turning from sins in repentance and confessing that faith in Jesus, it is when one is baptized into Christ that he is delivered from sin. The Blood of Christ is applied to his soul by God when this person obeys this form of doctrine from the heart. Isn't this just too simple?

Many today are told to pray their way into Christ and that baptism is just a "follow-up." If one believes they are saved before being baptized, how is it possible they obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine taught in the scriptures? (Romans 6:17). The truth is most of the religious world have not had the pure, unadulterated gospel of Jesus taught to them. Note, a perverted gospel will not save (Galatians 1:6-9). One who believes he is saved then baptized into some manmade denomination has not obeyed the gospel of the New Testament.

Friends, one must do the will of the Father to be saved (Matthew 7:21). If you had lived 2,000 years ago and heard Peter preach that first gospel sermon, once you believed, you would be told to, "...repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus for the remission of sins..." (Acts 2:38). When you gladly received this word, you would be baptized for the remission of sins and the Lord would add your soul to His Church (See Acts 2;41: 47). You would not be added before being baptized. You would not be added to a denomination of man. Your church membership would not be voted on-a practice foreign to the Bible! There is only one true Church. We learn about it only in the New Testament. If one is not in the Church Christ planned and built, how can he be saved?

We can't teach and practice different things in our religious service, and all be right. Jesus prayed that His disciples would be one (John 17:20-21). Jesus wasn't talking about a unity in diversity. The churches in different localities in the New Testament agreed in doctrine and worship (1 Corinthians 1:10; 4:17; 16:1-2; 2 Thessalonians 2:15). The Apostles taught the same things everywhere in every church. Uniformity was found in the churches. The face of churches in our communities have changed. We in the Church of Christ point men and women back to the uniformity Jesus prayed for and the Apostles taught in every local church which was established. It should be the prayer and aim of everyone who loves Jesus to desire to fulfil His prayer by working for Biblical unity (Ephesians 4:3).

The churches of men did not exist in Bible times. The only true Church can be the which belongs to Jesus Christ. You can find it. It is right there in the New Testament. Only those who do the will of the Father will be saved.