

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)
- 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 back was scourged. His head was crowned with thorns.
His hands were pierced. His feet were pierced. His side was cut open. (John 19:1-2,34
Psalm 22:16)
- 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)

April 9, 2023

Songs & Lord's Supper

Chris Frantz

Speaker: Ted Bowen

Wednesday Bible Study

Invitation: Melvin Monroe

Birthdays

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Anniversaries

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Prayer List

Gen Stanley
Jean Adkins
Betty Davis
Connie Runion
Mack Stanley
Tina Smith
Janet Baker
Kevin Foes & family
Family of Deb Rowan

NOT SATISFIED WITH GOD'S WORD by Carey Scott

Many people reject the word of God these days often expressing disdain for the word of God. Jesus said that the words of the Bible are truth (John 17:17) as they come from God. Jesus also said that the words of truth will judge us in the end (John 12:48). So why do people reject the word of God?

Because they reject the giver of those words; God. What really becomes a tragedy is when people who profess to be followers of God are not satisfied with God's word that they soon learn to despise it. And soon they learn to despise those who teach the truth.

There is a lot of sin in this world. A big problem exists because sin has entered each of our lives and we are involved either personally, or someone we love is involved in it. I have watched

preachers change their teaching because one of their family is involved in a sinful practice, and they refuse to call them out for it.

God has given instructions to us through His word of how we are to live and behave in this world. Often, the sin which so easily besets us (Hebrews 12:1) side-tracks us of doing what we know we should do. It also keeps us from doing what we know is the right thing to do (James 4:17).

This presents distress. The same kind that Paul talked about in Romans 7:15-25. Paul was talking about the conflict of the spirit and the flesh.

God teaches us to study His word so that we will know how to behave before the non-believers. God also teaches us how to behave in front of the believers and fellow saints.

His word is simple to understand if you want to know it. Yet many people have distaste for God's word. It is because the Bible (the authority of Christ) condemns what they want to do. When this happens, they either outright reject God's word and do what they want, or they try to sneak around God's word by using human reasoning and other scriptures out of context that allows what they are doing to continue.

As long as they feel right before God, that is all that matters to them. This is the foundation of every false teaching in existence. It is always trying to find a way that is logical enough to ease the conscience. And it is how they can tickle the ears of those who do not want the truth (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

We could look at the example of Balaam in Numbers 22. Balaam received word to not go with the men from Balak, but when the money was more tempting, he decided that God's message was not satisfactory, so he decided to see if God would say something different this time.

What the Bible teaches is to be taught in its purity and simplicity. Just because the words do not appeal to us does not give us the right to take away or add to the message of the scriptures. Sometimes people will choose one scripture, but ignore the rest on a given topic. An example would be John 3:16. Nothing said about baptism, so baptism is not essential to salvation. That may bolster a particular doctrine, but it also puts one in opposition to God's word.

I have heard people say that one passage of scripture is wrong because another seemingly contradicts it. They have even said that Jesus was wrong because what He taught opposed Old Testament scripture. Well, since God is not the author of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33), it has to be man who is abusing texts to satisfy his pretext. The truth is that their interpretation of that scripture is wrong. Once a false teacher starts teaching error based upon a passage of scripture, they have to re-interpret every passage of scripture on that subject to fit their new doctrine.

All too often, man puts his think so's before scripture (Proverbs 16:2, 25). His reasoning is that God is not so cruel as to punish people for what they do not know. But that flies directly in the face of scripture which says God will execute vengeance upon those who "know not God, nor keep His commandments" (2 Thessalonians 1:6-9).

We could easily say that God is love (1 John 4:8) and eternal punishment is not an act of love, so 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9 does not apply to us today. Wow! Did you see how easy that was to get out? That is my point. It is easier to appeal to human emotions than to tell people that God requires a certain expectation of them, and all mankind.

To reject God's word is to reject Him and in a symbolic way is to trample under foot everything God stands for. Hebrews 10:29 tells us that one insults the spirit of grace by not obeying the truth. Are you guilty of this? If so read the verse to see what can happen to you if you do not change your ways.