

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 Rizor

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)

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Songs : Chris Frantz

Lord's Supper : Tony Smith

Speaker: Sean Rizor

Wednesday Bible Study

Invitation: Melvin Monroe

Birthdays

- 11 Sean Rizor
- 17 Jean Adkins
- 25 Nora Wiseman

Anniversaries

- 9 Paul & Debbie Rowan

Prayer List

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

"WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU ARE AFRAID?"

Jarrold M. Jacobs

As Ezra 3 begins, the people gathered together on the seventh month. They came together to build an altar and worship (v. 1-3) since their purpose for returning in the first place was to build a Temple for the Lord (Ezra 1:2-5). Though not explicitly stated, since the incident recorded in Ezra 2:62-63, they have found men who could serve as priests (Ezra 3:2-3).

The statement that gets my attention is found in Ezra 3:2. It says that they had built the altar and sacrificed because they feared the others in the land. They saw some people as threats to them, so they began rebuilding the Temple by first building an altar to worship God. This was not a one-time event. They saw that they needed to have the feast of tabernacles, daily offerings, and other sacrifices God had commanded them (Ezra 3:4-6) on this altar.

I am impressed that when they feared what the enemies might do, those folks came together "as one man" (Ezra 3:1, that's unity!) and determined to build an altar where they could sacrifice as God had intended. In other words, when they were afraid, they turned to God and worshipped Him!

Friend, what do you do when you are afraid? To whom do you turn when you are scared? Do you turn to the Lord or away from Him? Do you stop and worship and get your mind focused once more?

I know of mothers who have calmed and consoled their small children by telling them, "Let's pray to God about being scared." I respect and commend them for this, but my question is, what are the adults doing? Spend time worshipping the God of Heaven and see how things can be put into perspective. See how things can be calmed!

I know Asaph was about to have a nervous breakdown over his worry about the wicked people and what they seemed to be getting away with. Though the words "fear" or "afraid" were not used in Psalm 73:1-16, you can read the tone of his worry as he said even to think about this was "too painful"! Later he changed his attitude. What calmed his spirit and brought his mind back into focus? Read Psalm 73:17. When this man worshipped God and focused on something greater than himself, it put his life back in focus! He declared, "it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God" (Ps. 73:28). Was not their worship producing the same thing for those scared citizens of Jerusalem (Ezra 3:1-6)? It was!

When David lost his son (II Sam. 13:19), what was the first thing he did before he ate a morsel of food? II Samuel 13:20 tells us he worshipped God! David had sinned before God and saw that the consequences of his actions meant his child would die (II Sam. 13:13-14). Would such dire news not scare any parent? He fasted and prayed for a week (II Sam. 13:16-18), but when the news came of the death, he focused his mind and life upon God and worshipped the One who can reunite father and son (II Sam. 13:23)!

The worst part of being scared is realizing how little control we have! Control is an illusion, anyway! Sometimes, it is that fact that scares us the most, but what will we do about it? Wouldn't it be wise to act like those brave Israelites in Ezra? Worship God and turn over our worries to the One who has control (I Pet. 5:7)!