

Church of Christ

3361 West State Street, Fremont, OH 43420

Worship Services

Sunday Bible Study	10:00 am
Sunday Worship	10:45 am
Sunday Worship	6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study	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; 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)

Do You Believe In Hell?

Frank Jamerson
Dothan, Alabama

June 14, 2020

Sunday Morning

Speaker: Sean Rizor

No Sunday Evening Worship

Mid-week study will continue
online.

Birthdays

- 18 Jesse Davis
- 18 Makayla Rizor

Anniversaries

20 Chris & Heidi Frantz

Prayer List

Kaitlin Baker
Gen Stanley
Nora Wiseman
Mary Feasel
Isaac Advay
Jean Adkins
Tracey Briggs
Jamie Hall
Kaitlyn Hall
Ashley Hall
Janet Baker
Nick Hall

Soldiers Serving Abroad

Cody Lyons
Mercedes Speck

The subject of hell is shunned by many preachers. It is considered distasteful and, I suppose some think that if we will ignore it, it will go away.

Recently, while preparing a lesson on the subject, I looked through several bound volumes of periodicals and did not find a single article on it. It made me wonder if our writing reflects our preaching on the subject!

False teachers try to evade the Bible teaching on the subject and give false consolation by such statements as: "Hell is what you go through on the earth," or "Hell is only temporary." Even some who claim to be Christians reveal a lack of conviction about hell by their preparations to go there. When you hear a brother say: "If I go, I will not be by myself," or "If I go, you will be on the front row," you are listening to one who does not truly believe what the Bible teaches about hell.

Some of the confusion on the subject comes from translation. The word hades is translated "hell" in some versions, but these are from two different words and do not refer to the same place. The Greek word hades and the Hebrew word sheol refer to the abiding place of spirits between death and the resurrection. The spirit of Jesus went to hades (Acts 2:25-27), not to "hell." Jesus told the thief on the cross that he would be with Him in "paradise" (Lk. 23:43). We conclude from this that a part of the hadean world is "paradise." But the rich man of Luke 16 also went to hades and was in torment (v. 23). So, the hadean world is divided by a "great gulf" into paradise and torment.

The Greek word gehenna (hell) refers to the eternal abiding place of the wicked, after judgment. The word is used twelve times in the New Testament, and is always spoken by Jesus Himself, except in James 3:6 (see Matt. 5:22,29,30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15,33; Mk. 9:43,45,47; Lk. 12:5). This is the place of eternal punishment, which implies eternal existence, for you cannot punish what does not exist!

Some say that since hell is called the "second death," this proves that it means non-existence. The truth is that "death" never means non-existence. It means separation. When it refers to physical death it means that the body is separated from the spirit. When it refers to spiritual death it means that man is separated from the spirit. When it refers to spiritual death it means that man is separated from God. Isaiah said, "Your iniquities have separated between you and your God. . ." (Isa. 59:2). When Jesus said, "Let the dead bury the dead" (Matt. 8:22), He was not saying that those who do not exist can bury those who do not exist! He was saying that those who were spiritually separated from God (dead) could bury those who were physically dead. Paul said that the widow who gives herself to pleasure "is dead (spiritually) while she lives (physically)" (1 Tim. 5:6).

The word "death" is used to refer to hell, because it is eternal separation from God. "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8). This does not mean "second non-existence," but second separation. All men die physically (Heb. 9:27), but the unsaved will experience another death - eternal separation from God.

What does the Bible say about the condition of those who go there? It calls it "a lake of fire" (Matt. 13:42), and "outer darkness" (Matt. 25:30). But, some ask, "How can it be fire and darkness at the same time?" God has used terms with which we are familiar to present a picture to our minds of a terrible place, a place where there will be "weeping and gnashing of teeth." It does not have to be understood literally in order to get the picture of a place that we should avoid at all cost.

The same Bible that says that heaven is eternal says that hell is eternal. Any argument that will shorten the time in one will do so in the other. "And these shall go away into eternal punishment: but the righteous into eternal life" (Matt. 25:46).