

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

September 6, 2020

Sunday Morning

Speaker: Sean Rizor

No Sunday Evening Worship

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)

THE GRACE OF GOD THAT BRINGS SALVATION (Irvin Himmel)

Nothing is more clearly revealed in the Scriptures than our dependence on God's grace for redemption. Paul said to the saints at Ephesus, "by grace are ye saved" (Eph.2:5). Everyone who is permitted to enter heaven will be there by grace.

Today there are teachers, even in the church, who have warped conceptions of grace. Some seem to feel that grace is the big "cover-up" for whatever they want to allow what is not taught in the Bible. There is endless speculation about what grace may do. Having no desire to join the ranks of the conjecturers, I offer the following facts revealed in God's word.

1. Grace does not circumvent Jesus Christ. It is folly to imagine that God's saving grace may somehow take a circuitous route that by-passes Jesus Christ. "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17). God demonstrated His loving-kindness for sinful man in the gift of His Son. In Christ "we have redemption through his blood, the

Birthdays

- 3 Charlotte Williams
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- 19 Melvin Monroe

Anniversaries

- 4 Mike & Janet Baker

Prayer List

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

Soldiers Serving Abroad

Cody Lyons
Mercedes Speck

forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (Eph.1:7). Saving grace is found in Jesus, not out of Him. Paul said to the Corinthian Christians, "I thank my God always on your behalf for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ" (1 Cor.1:4). The grace that saves comes to man by or through, not apart from, Jesus Christ.

2. Grace does not ignore the Gospel. The good news of justification through Christ is referred to as "the gospel of the grace of God" and "the word of his grace" (Acts 20:24, 32). To preach the gospel is to distribute saving grace. The saints at Colosse were reminded of "the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth" (Col.1:5-6). It was not until the gospel was preached in Antioch that people turned to the Lord and the grace of God was "seen" in that locality (Acts 11:19-23).

3. Grace does not permit access apart from faith. "Access" is that which gives admittance, entrance, or introduction. One must show faith in Jesus Christ in order to gain access into saving grace. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God" (Rom.5:1-2). Since faith comes by hearing God's word (Rom. 10:17), one must hear the gospel to enter God's favor. "For by grace are ye saved through faith . ." (Eph.2:8). God provides salvation through undeserved favor; man accepts that provision of grace by means of faith.

4. Grace does not rule against baptism for the remission of sins. The faith which gives access into grace is active trust-confidence expressed in cheerful obedience. God requires that we show faith by being baptized, and that demonstration of faith is unto the remission of sins. "Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead" (Col.2:12). Peter preached repentance and baptism "for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). But he acknowledged that it is "through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ" that we shall be saved (Acts 15:11). Salvation by grace requires faith, and faith requires baptism unto the forgiveness of sins.

5. Grace does not give license to sin. The law of Moses was given to show the exceeding sinfulness of sin. Under the law sin abounded. "But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound. " (Rom.5:20). Does this mean that the more men sin, the more grace will be shown? Or, as Paul worded the question, "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?" He answered, "God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" (Rom. 6:1,2). The triumph of God's grace over sin is not to be interpreted as a license for the Christian to indulge in unrighteousness. "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof" (Rom. 6:12). "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly . . ." (Tit.2:11-12).

6. Grace does not offer unconditional security. Just as our entrance into saving grace is conditioned on our willingness to show faith in Jesus Christ, our remaining in that grace is conditioned on our willingness to continue in faith. The Hebrew writer warns us that one may "fail" or "come short" of the grace of God (Heb.2:15). The Galatians were called "into the grace of Christ" but afterward accepted false teaching that "removed" them (Gal.1:6-7). Paul wrote to them, "ye are fallen from grace" (Gal.5:4). This explodes the theory of once in grace, always in grace.

7. Grace does not save on the basis of human merit. The Bible sometimes uses the word "work" to convey the thought of activity that earns, or effort that deserves reward. In this sense Paul used the word when he wrote, "Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt" (Rom..4:4). Our salvation is based on faith, not something earned or deserved, "that it might be by grace" (Rom.4:16). This is why boasting is excluded. "Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph.2:9). Actions in exercise of faith are sometimes called "works" (James 2:24), but they are not in the category of efforts that earn or merit. No man deserves salvation. God's grace saves and shows our inability to reach heaven by our own might, ingenuity, or deserving. God owes us nothing; we owe Him everything.

I have used this negative approach to show some of the revealed limitations which God places on grace. Hopefully, this will point out that God's saving grace is not a mystical catch-all for whatever odds and ends the speculators in theology may wish to conceal. And let us stay with revelation, giving no honor to speculation. (Truth Magazine, XVIII:8 [Dec. 20, 1973], p. 2,)