

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

October 25, 2020

Sunday Morning

Speaker: Ted Bowen

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)

KEEP YOUR HEART WITH ALL DILIGENCE

David A. Cox

"Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life." Proverbs 4:23

Solomon long ago recognized the importance of the heart. Solomon is not speaking of the physical heart, even though it is vital to our physical life. Solomon's warning to "Keep the heart with all diligence" is focused on the heart of the Bible. The "heart" in scripture refers to the whole being of man. It involves the mind, the will, the conscience, and the emotions. Why did Solomon admonish to "Keep your heart"? It is so that we will watch, protect, and preserve our hearts from the dangers that life will throw at us. Let us consider some ways that we need to keep our hearts.

Birthdays

- 4 Mason Frantz
- 7 Vicki Shue
- 8 Dustin Rowan
- 20 Janet Baker
- 25 Cory Davis
- 30 Josie Appelhans

Anniversaries

- 24 Matt & Stacy Appelhans
- 27 Sean & Stephanie Rizor

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
- Kathy Grove
- Paul Runion
- Mary Schimming

Soldiers Serving Abroad

- Cody Lyons
- Mercedes Speck

We Need to Keep Our Heart Free From:

Prejudice. Many factors in life cause prejudice in the lives of people. The Jews in Jesus' day were prejudiced against the truth of Jesus being the Christ, due to their zeal for the religion they had grown up knowing. They were blinded to fulfillment after fulfillment of the prophecies in Jesus' life. The simple and plain truth could not change their minds. It is in this context that Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan. The lawyer came to Jesus, asking, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" (Luke 10:25). Jesus answered, " 'What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?' So he answered and said, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.' Jesus answered, 'You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.'" (Luke 10:26-28). The lawyer knew the law and could quote it, but he knew that Jesus knew that he was not keeping it. The text tells us, "he wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?'" (Luke 10:29). Jesus goes on to Luke 10:30-37, to show the glaring example of the one who was the neighbor to the man that was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho that was beaten, robbed and left half dead. The neighbor to that man was a Samaritan. A man that the lawyer could have never seen any good. Why? Because of prejudice! We must keep our hearts diligently that we do not become blinded to the truth because of prejudice.

Apathy. As we live life, the world will dull our senses. We can become indifferent to things that are good and right. We can become very satisfied with the way things are. In Revelation 3:15, the church at Laodicea is described as a church that is "lukewarm." It is a church that is filled with satisfaction, indifference, and apathy. A severe rebuke is directed toward this group because of their apathy or lukewarmness. The church is told to "be zealous and repent" (Revelation 3:19). The one talent man in Matthew 25:14-30, gives us another picture in scripture of a man full of apathy. Happy and satisfied with what he has. The man is called "wicked and lazy" for the apathetic way he handled the talent entrusted to him. Let us keep our hearts free from the indifferent attitude that permeates life so often.

How Should We Keep Our Hearts:

Earnest. Our hearts being earnest means that they will be zealous, sincere, intense, and excited toward God's things. They will be fervent in spirit to please God (Romans 12:11). Our service to God will be real, not just something we play at. Our hearts will be stirred up and zealous for all good works (Titus 2:14)

Affections Right. Our hearts need to have their affection focused on the things above (Colossians 3:1). Focusing on the things above means our minds are not looking at the appeals to the fleshly side. We are not going to make provisions to satisfy our fleshly lusts. Our thoughts will be focused on heaven. We will strengthen our faith by spending time in the word of God. Our mental state or tendency will not be on the things we see, but on the things we do not see. We can overcome the fleshly lust that comes upon us because we have set our mind, affections on the things above.

Reverent and Tender. The heart that is not kept reverent and tender is not a heart that can please God. A reverent attitude of heart means that one will have deep respect, honor, and standing in awe before God. The one whose heart is lifted with pride and arrogance cannot please God. The Pharisee in Luke 18:9-14, prayed to God with a heart filled with pride and arrogance, but the publican prayed at the temple as well with a tender and reverent heart. Jesus commended the publican's attitude of heart, "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one that exalts himself shall be humbled, and he who humbles himself shall be exalted." A heart like that of the Pharisee will become hardened and will not correct the errors in life that need correcting. Let us keep our hearts reverent and tender so that they can be easily shaped, molded by the truth, sensitive to what is right and wrong and submissive to the will of God.

Let us not neglect our hearts, but keep them "diligently" so that they will be hearts that are right with God.