

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

November 15, 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 PHYSICIAN OFFERS A CURE

Jim Stauffer

"Then it happened that as Jesus was reclining at the table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were dining with Jesus and His disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, "Why is your Teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners?" But when Jesus heard this, He said, "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. "But go and learn what this means: 'I DESIRE COMPASSION, AND NOT SACRIFICE,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners." (Matthew 9:10 - 13)

Jesus presents Himself as the Physician who can heal our diseases as the prophet Isaiah says, *"and by His scourging we are healed. (Isa. 53:5)* Peter then repeats this, *"by His wounds you were healed. (1 Pet. 2:24)*

Birthdays

- 4 Nikolai Monroe
- 10 Jahred Monroe
- 15 Kaitlin Baker
- 25 Ted Baker
- 30 Chris Frantz

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
Betty Davis

In our opening text He was criticized by the Pharisees for dining with sinners. Jesus declares on this occasion both His mission and His love for those who are the targets of His mission. Sinners. There is no accurate conclusion to be drawn that the Pharisees were righteous and not in need of the Christ and His power to heal sinners. Jesus just takes this opportunity to explain His role among men as the One Who could fix the sin problem that plagues everyone (Rom. 3:23).

Here He portrays sin as a disease needing a cure. As we know Jesus became the cure for that disease in His death on the cross (Heb. 9:14; 1 Pet. 1:18,19).

The parallel between sin, the spiritual disease and physical illnesses carries further in that each must be treated in order to save either the body or the soul, whichever we consider. If we have a disease and refuse to follow medical advice it eventually will destroy us. We have witnessed folks, who when advised their choice is between extended treatment that offers significant suffering, decide to let the disease run its course. They have decided the cure is not certain and therefore does not offer the relief they seek.

Fortunately, the cure for our spiritual sickness, sin, is 100% effective if we will take the medicine. God has promised to redeem us from sin if we will obey the instruction that comes with the grace He offers in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the Righteous, His Son (Titus 2:11-14; Heb. 5:8,9).

Now comes the difficult part for some. The rich young ruler of Mat. 19, could not accept the cure for his sin and ...obtain eternal life. His wealth was more important to him. For some, this is an obstacle. Maybe they inherited wealth or enjoyed great success financially, but in either case they find it difficult to choose between those seemingly great values and eternal life. Make no mistake, just as this young man went away sorrowful, so will all who value the temporal things of this life over those things eternal.

Jesus dined with and spent time teaching sinners because He loved them and wanted to save their souls from eternal punishment. This is made clear in *2 Pet. 3:9*, "*The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.*" How could He have said, *...Father forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing. (Luke 23:34)*

Yet, Jesus love for the souls of mankind will not overrule His righteous judgment, "*because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.*" (*Acts 17:31*) What do we think is meant by being judged in righteousness? We are provided the answer in *2 Cor. 5:10*, "*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*"

Yes, we learn from the Scriptures that sin will be punished. Even if we do not suffer punishment in this life (...for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous...) any and all sinners will receive the ultimate just reward. That is the reward they receive will be according to righteousness or justice as promised. "*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*" (*Romans 6:23*) God has promised us eternal life if we are obedient to His Son Who died to purchase us from the bondage of sin. But just as surely as His promises of a reward are true, so are His promises of punishment for sin to those who reject the offer of salvation. "*Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. 'Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' 'And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'*" (*Matthew 7:21 - 23*)

Sober thinking tells us to repent and turn to the Lord while time still allows. Serious thought need be given to the choice God has afforded His creation.