

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 22, 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)

THE WISDOM FROM ABOVE

Jordan Lawson

"But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere" (Jas. 3:17).

In this passage, James speaks about a specific kind of wisdom. He's not speaking of worldly wisdom. James is talking about godly wisdom.

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
Mike Foes

The Bible commands us to behave wisely and grow in wisdom (Prov. 1:5, 2:6, 5, 6, 7). The fool is the one who does not heed the wisdom from God.

I would like to focus on two attributes of godly wisdom here. The two features are: impartiality and being open to reason. The definition of "impartiality" is: without discrimination. The definition of "open to reason" is: compliant or easy to be entreated.

Let us first focus on the word "impartiality." The world's wisdom tells us to be partial and discriminate, make rash judgments about people and situations, and respond out of spite. Godly wisdom is impartial. It behaves without fear or favor of men (Gal. 1:10; Acts 17:16-34).

Consider the trial of our Lord. He knew no sin (2 Cor. 5:21) and healed people of their diseases (Matt. 4:24). He was One who was perfect and just in all His dealings with people. Yet, due to the partiality of the people, our Lord was crucified unjustly.

The Jews had their idea of a Messiah, and they didn't believe Jesus fit the bill. It didn't matter what the facts were. Their minds were made up (Jn. 8:40). This is the fruit of partiality and worldly wisdom. Even though in the wisdom of God, Jesus was prophesied about, and He fulfilled each prophecy. This was not enough for the Jews. They did not behave with godly wisdom, but instead, they crucified the Lord of glory (1 Cor. 2:8). If the rulers of the world had understood God's wisdom they would not have crucified Jesus (1 Cor. 2:8).

Let us seek to be impartial in our dealings with one another. Everyone deserves a fair shot because all mankind is made in the image of God (Gen. 1:26). Let us use the mind God gave us and not write somebody off because they disagree with us on the day to day matters. Let us not write someone off because they disagree with us on matters of opinion and judgment calls (Rom. 14). Let us be impartial toward the word of God and seek to do everything God instructs us to do.

The other phrase that we will give attention to from James 3:17 is: open to reason. Think back to the narrative of Cain and Abel. Cain sinned and slew Abel because He was not open to reason. "The LORD said to Cain, 'why are you angry and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it'" (Gen. 4:6-7)

Cain had the God of Heaven reasoning with him! Yet, Cain's mind was so filled with envy and hatred toward Abel that his mind was made up. He was not open to the reason of God Himself! He sinned and went his own way.

Oh, how we need to heed this call! It's easy for us to think that we are doing well, but when we run into a teaching in God's word that is contrary to our current lifestyle or way of thinking, what is our response? Are we open to the reasoning of God's word?

We are to look into the perfect law of liberty as a mirror and make sure we reflect all that it says in it (Ja. 1:25; 2 Cor. 3:18, 4:6). When we read what God's word says about the husband's role and the sacrificial love he must-have for his wife, what is our response (Eph. 5:24-33)? When we read of the role of submission the wife must have toward the husband, what is our response (Eph. 5:24-33)?

When we read in the wisdom of God about modesty and purity, how do we respond? Are we open to reason? Are we compliant with the word of God?

Let us earnestly seek the wisdom from above! Let us do it prayerfully, thoughtfully, and diligently (Ja. 1:5; Prov. 1:5).

To God be the glory, amen.