

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

December 20, 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)

WHAT IS GOD'S GOAL WITH THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST?

Jordan Lawson

As we grow in our thinking and faith, our questions on spiritual topics grow deeper. One question to ponder on is: What is God's goal with the gospel? I believe it's a question that demands our attention. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel for it is God's power for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16).

Is God seeking to change men with the gospel so we can have "heaven on earth"? Does God want us to obey to enhance the quality of our communities, the togetherness of our country, and the peace in the home? Or is God's purpose greater or higher? As children of God, we need to be concerned and focused on the things of God. We need to be aware and

Birthdays

- 1 Dominic Wegman
- 3 Tina Smith
- 4 Jordan Chapman
- 4 Stephanie Rizor
- 5 Chloe Rizor
- 29 Jessalyn Schadwil
- 31 Jamie Hall

Anniversaries

- 26 Paul & Connie Runion

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 Foos
Connie Runion
Debbie Rowan

deeply invested in what God wants for us and for mankind. Our opinions and preferences on this matter won't work. I believe that peace and togetherness are a "side-effect" of following God. But is this what God is seeking to accomplish with His gospel? Is this God's primary goal?

We're aware of the turmoil going on in the United States today. There are riots. There is division and hatred due to race and politics. Some of this has seeped into the Lord's church. Sometimes we may look at this and say: "If people just followed Christ's teaching, then wars and division would end, and we'd all get along." This is true, but is that the end of the story? Is this why we preach Christ?

Psalm 2:1-3 says the nations are in an uproar and the people plot in vain. The kings of the Earth gather together against the LORD and His Anointed. This battle against good and evil has been waged since sin entered the world in Genesis 3. This battle will continue until Christ returns.

The question remains: What is God seeking to accomplish in the gospel? I'd like to suggest three things found in Scripture.

"Be Ye Reconciled To God."

God wants us to be reconciled to Him (Rom. 5:9; 2 Cor. 5:19-20). The word reconciled means to be restored to friendly terms. Sin destroyed our friendship with God and made us His enemies (Isa. 59:1-2). But "God so loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son" (Jn. 3:16). This is the simple message of reconciliation that still applies today. If you're the world's greatest philanthropist but not reconciled to God by the gospel, then it's all for naught.

If you have the most conservative political opinions in the world, but you're not reconciled to God through the gospel, then it won't matter in the end. You'll be separated from God on Earth and will face your final destruction on Judgment Day. If you're the biggest civil rights speaker that has graced the planet and you aren't reconciled to God through the gospel, then it won't matter in the end on Judgment Day. These things aren't bad in themselves. But if we focus on these earthly matters apart from God's purposes and goals, we're making a grave mistake with eternal consequences.

Meditate and reflect on this passage: "That is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation" (2 Cor. 5:19). God's goal is reconciliation!

"Fellowship with Him"

Along with reconciliation, we learn that God wants to have fellowship with us (1 Jn. 1:5-10). God made us in His own image, according to His likeness (Gen. 1:26-27). We share something with God. In the gospel, we learn about God's character, nature, holiness, and His righteousness. When we obey God's gospel and walk in the light, we have fellowship with Him (1 Jn. 1:7). God has made all the provisions for us to have fellowship with Him (2 Pet. 1:3-4; 1 Jn. 1:5-10). God even makes the blood of His Son available to cleanse us of our sins so we can be restored to Him (1 Jn. 1:8-9; Rev. 1:5).

"Eternal Life"

"This is the promise that He made to us, eternal life" (1 Jn. 2:25). Ultimately, following God leads us to eternal life. This old world is going to be destroyed at the end of time (2 Pet. 3:10-12). Jesus will roll up the world as a man rolls up a garment (Heb. 1:10-12). But He will remain! Christ also wants us to remain with Him (Jn. 17:24, 14:1-3). Christ wants me and you to have eternal life. Christ died so we might have eternal life (Jn. 3:16). God's goal couldn't possibly be "Heaven on earth" if God is going to destroy the world when He returns. God wants you to have everlasting life.

Let's focus our hearts and minds on the purposes of God. Let's saturate our minds and consciences with God's ways and will instead of men's ideas. Let's live out God's will in our lives and show others the Way! To God be the glory!