

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 27, 2020

Sunday Morning

Speaker: Sean Rizor

No Sunday Evening Worship

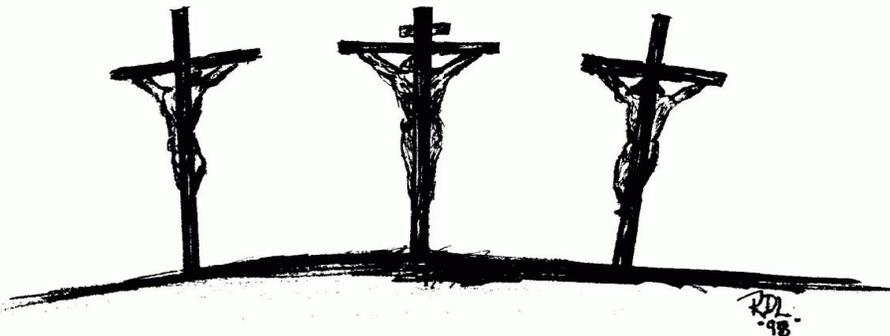
Preachers: Ted Bowen and Sean Rizor

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)



Birthdays

December

- 29 Jessalyn Schadwil
- 31 Jamie Hall

January

- 5 Tony Smith
- 6 Gregory Monroe
- 20 Paul Runion
- 29 Nikolai Schadwil

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
Tracey Briggs

ARE YOU RENEWED IN SPIRIT?

David Dann

God's people are expected to conduct themselves in a way that is different from, and better than, the ways of the world. With this goal in mind, the apostle Paul delivered the following instruction to the church of Ephesus: "This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness" (Eph. 4:17-24, NKJV).

In order for the conduct of the child of God to be pleasing to Him, Paul states that each individual must "be renewed in the spirit of your mind" (v. 23). Based on the instruction given by the apostle to the Ephesians, please notice how Christians can be renewed in spirit and live in a way that is pleasing to God.

1. Learn from Jesus. Having warned against following the example of the sinful world, Paul writes, "But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus" (Eph. 4:20-21). The perfect example set by Jesus is one that is rooted in His perfect works. Prior to His crucifixion, Jesus said, "the And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him" (Jn. 8:29). Those who learn to follow His teaching and imitate His example will be renewed in spirit and will conduct themselves in a way that is pleasing to God.

2. Put off sinful conduct. After emphasizing the importance of learning from Christ, Paul goes on to instruct: "that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts" (Eph. 4:22). The "former conduct" of which the apostle speaks is the behavior in which these Christians engaged before they were converted to Christ. This is the sinful conduct of those who are separated from God and blinded to the truth while they pursue greed, uncleanness, and immorality. Instead of simply doing what everyone else is doing, God's people are instructed as follows: "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Rom. 12:2). Those who give up the sinful ways of the world will be renewed in spirit and will conduct themselves in a way that is pleasing to God.

3. Put on the new man. Having stressed the need to learn from Jesus and to put off the old man, Paul instructs Christians as follows: "that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness" (Eph. 4:24). To "put on the new man" is to adopt the kinds of attitudes and conduct that are in harmony with the Lord's teaching. Along these lines, Paul writes, "Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection" (Col. 3:12-14). Instead of just giving up the sinful ways of the world, followers of Christ are also expected to take on His ways. Those who put forth the effort to live according to the Lord's teaching will be renewed in spirit and will conduct themselves in a way that is pleasing to God.

Conclusion

Instead of going on to live like baptized worldly people, those who have been baptized into Christ are expected to "walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4). In order to live a life that is pleasing to the Lord, each child of God must put forth the effort to learn from Jesus, put off sinful conduct, and put on the new man. Are you living a life that is renewed in spirit?