

# 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*

January 17, 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)

### SAVED IN ONE DAY

Mike Thomas

She wasn't used to him coming home in the middle of the night. He had been on the late shift for years, and not once did he ever leave his post to come home with an announcement. Her mind was racing with all sorts of potential problems.

"Honey, wake up, I have something to tell you" he said as he entered the room.

"What's wrong, did you lose your job? Is someone hurt? What's going on?"

"No, it's nothing like that," he assured her. "I have something very important to share with you that I learned from these two extraordinary men I met tonight. They're in the living room right now because I wanted you to hear what they have to say. Will you get up, please? This is so important."

"Okay, dear, I'll do so right away. Just let me get some decent clothes on."

### Birthdays

- 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

Such was likely the beginning moments of the conversion of the Philippian jailer and his household. Earlier that night, "at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them" (Acts 16:25). This led to the jailer reaching out to them after a terrifying earthquake. The man "called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas" and asked, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?'" (verses 30-31). From that moment, they taught the jailer a message about Jesus that was so convincing he also wanted "all who were in his house" to hear it (verse 32). The jailer then took Paul and Silas "the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized" (verse 33). It seems reasonable to me that the man who left to go to work that night came home a remarkably different man because of the hope found in the gospel. It was a life-changing message that all of his household would learn and obey in the course of one night. Amazing!

Do we realize the power of God's word and its ability to transform people instantaneously? Sometimes we may think it takes multiple studies to show someone the plan of salvation. We see from the jailer and his family that (for some) it can be done in a brief period of time. Salvation is not a matter of complete enlightenment on all there is to learn in God's word. It is the product of realizing the simplicity of the gospel and a willingness to believe and obey it. Just like Philip told the man who learned the gospel during a chariot ride and wanted to obey it:

*"If you believe with all your heart, you may. And he answered and said, 'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.' So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him" (Acts 8:37-38).*

This all happened in the span of hours within one day. Not weeks, months, or years. He heard enough that day to know he was in sin and that the only remedy for it is in the One who "was led as a sheep to the slaughter" (verse 32).

I wonder, friends, if we forget the power of the gospel because of our familiarity with it. Has it become so commonplace that we do not appreciate the value of hearing God's word for salvation (Acts 11:13-14), to have faith in Jesus as God's Son (Romans 10:14-17)? Think of it. God loves humanity so much that He gave His only Son to pay for the spiritual debt of sin (Romans 5:6-11). Jesus not only endured that painful death and separation from His Father, in being condemned for our sin (2 Corinthians 5:21), He defeated the grave in being raised from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:1-4), which gives us assurance of life and accountability beyond the grave (Acts 17:31; 24:15). All of this demonstrates God's wisdom, power, love, as well as His holiness. Consequently, He promises eternal life to all who believe and obey that Son (6:23; Hebrews 5:9). This requires courage and conviction from us in acknowledging Jesus as God's Son (Romans 10:9-10), turning away from every sin we know of (Acts 3:19), and humbling ourselves enough to put on Jesus in water baptism, which sets us free from sin and places us in His spiritual body (Acts 22:16; Galatians 3:26-27). What a beautiful, beautiful plan!

Who are we to have been entrusted with such a message? Why were we so fortunate to have someone pass it down to us by taking the time to explain it to us? What will we do with that knowledge? How many people in the world have never heard it? How many have died without knowing it? How many in eternity want more than anything for us to tell their family and friends about it (Luke 16:27-28)? Will we shod our feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace and take it to them?

God intentionally designed the gospel in such a way that it is easy to understand and share (see 1 Corinthians 1:18-31). He is looking for people who are honest and humble enough to accept its simple message. "For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe" (verse 21). That uncomplicated plan is powerful enough to get a jailer to wake up his family in the middle of the night to learn and obey it; and persuasive enough to get a top government official to be baptized into Christ on the side of the road. It remains powerful enough to transform lives today.

Who knows, you may obey it as a result of reading this article...because someone loved you enough to share its simple message with you.