

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

February 13, 2022

Songs & Lord's Supper :

Chris Frantz

Speaker: Ted Bowen

Sunday Morning Only

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)

Birthdays

- 11 Sean Rizor
- 17 Jean Adkins
- 25 Nora Wiseman

Anniversaries

- 9 Paul & Debbie Rowan

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)

Prayer List

Janet Baker & Family
Gen Stanley
Jean Adkins
Tina Smith
Betty Davis
Kathy Foos
Debbie Rowan
Charlotte Williams
Mack Stanley
Linda Holt

THE CONCEPT OF ETERNITY By Garren Stroud

I cannot fathom eternity. I do not understand it. I have no basis from which to know what eternity is. Many have used words trying to describe eternity. Some said it is time without end. This cannot be correct because when Christ returns all things are dissolved (II Peter 3:10-f) including time. Some have painted word pictures for us to have an appreciation of eternity. It has been said that if a sparrow flew carrying one grain of sand at a time to the moon that when he was finished carrying all the sand from the earth to the moon, that eternity would have just begun. This cannot be right either because since eternity is an existence not bound by time, there is neither beginning of it nor any other markers of delineation within it.

I cannot understand an existence without boundaries, a beginning and an end, but I don't feel all that bad about my ignorance. Paul was privy to what fleshly men are not as he recounts in 2 Corinthians 12:1-4 "To boast, really, is not profitable for me, for I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. (2) I have

known a man in Christ, fourteen years ago--whether in the body I have not known, whether out of the body I have not known, God hath known--such an one being caught away unto the third heaven; (3) and I have known such a man--whether in the body, whether out of the body, I have not known, God hath known, -- (4) that he was caught away to the paradise, and heard unutterable sayings, that it is not possible for man to speak.” Young’ s Literal Translation- YLT.

Paul experienced the spiritual realm, not knowing what state he was in- in the body or out of the body. The words he heard were first of all “unutterable” in Greek- (arrhetos) inexpressible. Strong.

He also described the words he heard as “not possible” to speak from the Greek- *exesti*, an impersonal verb, signifying “it is permitted, it is lawful” (or interrogatively “is it lawful?”), Vine, (in the negative (*ou*), thus not possible- *GS*). What Paul is essentially saying is that men’ s understanding and vocabulary cannot support the conveyance of the experience.

The best I can come up with is that eternity is absolute existence, no beginning or end, just an existence of being. With this being the case, our life and how we live it in this realm of time becomes so much more important because of what is at stake. We can trade a few short years of pleasure that is never fully attainable, for an eternity of misery. Or we can live a good fulfilled life of satisfaction for an eternity of absolute bliss. The choice is ours.

We can start down that road to a fulfilled life by obeying the gospel call. We can have true faith in God (Romans 4:3 “For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him for righteousness.”) that believes what God says, from the only source that is the repository of His will, the Bible (Romans 10:17 “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”).

We can make a change in our life by coming to the point of recognition that there just has to be more to life than the day-to-day grind, disappointments and evils.

This is what repentance is that Paul said he was preaching in (Acts 26:20 “but to those first in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and to the Gentiles, proclaiming that they must repent and turn to God, and do works worthy of repentance.”).

One then must make a commitment to God in confessing His Son Jesus publicly, just as Paul points out in (Romans 10:10 “For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth one confesses unto salvation.”).

Then one is baptized which is a figure of Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection as mentioned in (Romans 6:3-6 “Do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? (4) Therefore we were buried with Him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father; even so we also should walk in newness of life. (5) For if we have been joined together in the likeness of His death, we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection; (6) knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be destroyed, that from now on we should not serve sin.”).

By doing this we become God’ s children, and have the attitude of living our life for Him (Romans 12:1-2 “I beseech you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service. (2) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, in order to prove by you what is that good and pleasing and perfect will of God.”).

Eternity isn’ t something that someone else is going to experience, it is for all. We cannot truly fathom it, but we can be blessed in it.