

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

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)

Who was the "Rock"

By John Berlin

In Matthew 16:18, we read, *"And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the Gates of Hell (Hades) shall not prevail against it."*

From this very important passage of scripture, we learn several things. First and foremost, it should teach us that Christ has a church which he himself built. Jesus did not speak of building "churches" plural, but spoke of building a "church," singular. This is in accord with Paul's statement in Ephesians 4:4, "There is one body. . . ." We learn from Ephesians 1:22, 23 that this body was the church, so Paul and Christ both spoke of but one church, the church that Jesus built.

March 24, 2019

Order of Worship

AM

Song Leader : Melvin Monroe
Lord's Supper : Melvin Monroe
Speaker : Ted Bowen

PM

Song Leader : Melvin Monroe
Speaker : Ralph Carter
"Christ is Our Rock"

Wednesday

Song Leader : Greg Monroe
Invitation : Melvin Monroe

Birthdays

- 8 Gen Stanley
- 16 Jordan Appelhans
- 24 Betty Davis
- 31 Mylie Frantz
- 31 Paul Rowan

Anniversaries

- 5 Ken & Connie Rowan

Woman's Bible Study:

April 9th @ 5:30 pm
Overview of the Bible - 3 John

Prayer Requests:

Kaitlin Baker
Russell Pannell
Gen Stanley
Nora Wiseman
Charlotte Williams
Mary Feasel
Nick Hall
Zephan Monroe
Isaac Advey
Jean Adkins
Jordan Appelhans
Sean Rizor
Jean Hatfield
Anita Montague

What is the Rock upon which the church is built? Common logic must admit that it could not have been Peter for the Greek words from which "Peter" and "Rock" are translated are altogether different. "Peter" comes from "Petros" (masculine), and "Rock" from "Petra" (feminine). The two words refer to two different types of rock or stone. To refer to Peter (masculine) by a feminine noun (Rock) is like saying, "What a fine baby boy, what is her name?"

A careful study of related scriptures brings out the fact that Peter could not be the Rock upon which the church was built. In Isaiah 28:16, we learn that the foundation was to be a stone, a tried stone, a sure foundation. Peter was not the foundation spoken of for when he was tried he did not remain, sure and steadfast. Five verses after Jesus said, "Upon this Rock I will build My church," He said to Peter, "Get thee behind Me, Satan; Thou art an offense unto Me; For thou savorest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men." (Matt. 16:23). This was the same Peter that ten chapters later cursed and swore and said "I know not this man" (Matt. 26:74). Peter repented of this and was a good man, an inspired Apostle, but he was not the foundation of the church. The church is built upon a sure foundation. Peter was "loose, shifting rock" while Christ was the "solid, sure bedrock." Peter himself declares Christ to be the sure foundation, the tried stone in Acts 4:11, 12, "This (Christ) is the stone which was nought (rejected) by you builders . . ." The Church of Christ, the church built by Jesus; is founded upon the sure and tried foundation of Jesus Christ, not Peter.

The church was not dependent upon a continuous, unbroken line of succession. The church is propagated by the seed principle. (See Matt. 13). The word of God is the seed of the kingdom. When a seed is sown in a field, it produces a new plant identical to the plant from which the seed came. We would not expect to plant wheat and reap corn. Now if one wants to produce a Christian, what is needful—joining some institution that "claims" unbroken lineage, or to simply plant the word of God, which is the seed of the kingdom? The seed principle cannot be ignored or by-passed either in the natural or spiritual realm.

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Jesus Is The Foundation

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In the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asked His disciples whom they thought He was, He was confessed to be "the Christ, the Son of the living God." Peter made that confession, and Jesus responded, "*And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it*" (Matt. 16:13-20).

Upon the eternal truth that Jesus is the Christ, the Lord here promises to build His church. Under the figure of a building, He approaches this subject. The church has a foundation; it is not Peter, but Christ. Some allege that since Jesus called Peter Cephas, and that Cephas means stone (John 1:42), He promised to build the church on Peter. "Peter" translates Petros which is the Greek word for "Cephas" which is Aramaic. Petros (Peter) is nominative, singular in case, masculine in gender, and means a small stone or detachment of a massive ledge. "Thou art Peter" (Petros), said Jesus, "and upon this rock (petra) I will build my church." The rock on which Jesus promised to build is not Petros but petra—a large stone. Petra is dative singular in case and feminine in gender. Jesus never promised to build His church upon a man, but upon the eternal truth confessed—"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

A church without Christ as the foundation is not a church of Christ. Paul wrote, "According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:10,11). Christ was laid as the foundation for the church in Corinth when Paul preached Christ (2:2; 15:1-4). The church of Christ exists in fact only where Christ is preached and obeyed (Acts 18:8). To preach Christ, His name (authority), His kingdom (church), and His authorized water baptism must be faithfully proclaimed (Acts 8:5,12). There are no exceptions to this! Churches of men exist without such, but not the church of Christ. Christ is the only foundation, the only head, Savior, and builder of His church (1 Cor. 3:11; Col. 1:18; Eph. 5:23; Matt. 16:18). One cannot build upon Christ the foundation without building as His word directs. Build on Christ today!

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