

# 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*

July 26, 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)

### Birthdays

- 3 Mack Stanley
- 19 Judson Appelhans
- 27 Connie Rowan
- 29 Heidi Frantz
- 31 T.J. Smith

### Anniversaries

- 20 Jim & Jean Adkins

### 7 THINGS TO REMEMBER DURING THE LORD'S SUPPER!

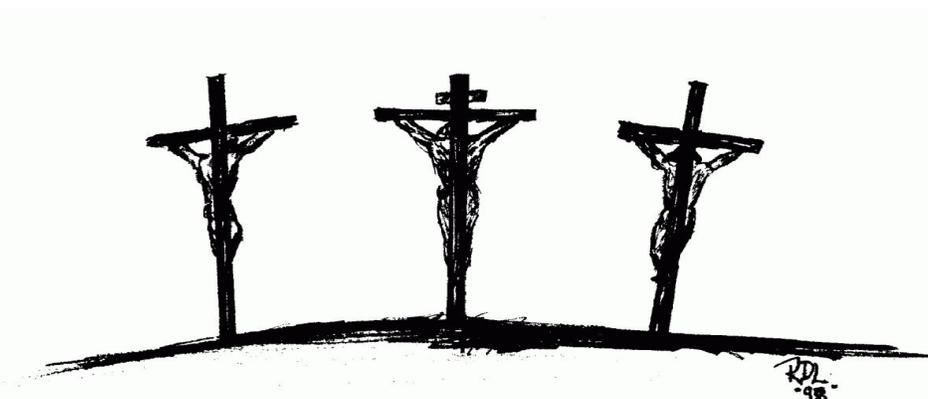
- 1 LORD. "There is one Lord." (Ephesians 4:5)
- 2 THIEVES. "There were also 2 others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death."  
(Luke 23:32)
- 3 CROSSES. (Luke 23:39-43; Ephesians 1:7)
- 4 PARTS of HIS GARMENTS. "Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four 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

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

### Soldiers Serving Abroad

Cody Lyons  
Mercedes Speck



# Truth

Ryan Goodwin

11/24/19 - Spiritual Thinking

Truth has a way with alienating its followers from the world. Throughout the first epistle of John, the writer makes a definite distinction between truth-seekers and world-seekers. “Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in Him” (1 John 2:15). He goes on to say in the following verses that the world and all its lusts are passing away, “but the one who does the will of God abides forever” (1 John 2:16-17). So while standing up for truth sometimes comes with a temporary cost, it holds the promise of eternal salvation!

## Truth Builds Confidence In Salvation

“By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, ‘I have come to know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in Him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him; the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked” (1 John 2:3-6). It amazes me how so many Christians are tethered to their fear of condemnation. They fret over judgment as if there is simply no hope! But if “abiding in Him” involves keeping His commandments in a clear, obvious way (1 John 3:24) – if it is really as simple as obeying Christ, just as He said – then our confidence in salvation should reflect that. I do not have to guess where I will be for eternity. My expectation is not to barely make it to heaven. If I am abiding in Christ by obeying His teaching, then my salvation should be as certain as the sun coming up tomorrow (really, more certain). John writes, “And now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming. If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him” (1 John 2:28-29). Righteousness is obedience to the revealed will of God, and unrighteousness is a rejection of that will (1 John 3:4-10). The writer of Hebrews also demands renewed confidence from his readers in Hebrews 10:35-39.

To a Christian, the judgment should not be associated with anxiety or fear. Rather, love is the central idea, at least how John describes judgment in 1 John 4:16-17. “By this, love is perfected with us, that we may have confidence in the day of judgment.”

## Truth Includes Incredible Promises

It is not mere sentimentality to say that righteous people have some incredible promises given to them. When I build my life around the Lord, Jesus Christ, I have something that worldly people will never understand (without a change of heart). I am not promised earthly wealth that fades, or influence in the world. I am not promised any of the temporary, passing pleasures of this life. The promises of God cannot be matched, even by the devil himself in all his fading brilliance. “The whole world lies in the power of the evil one” (1 John 5:19), but that means nothing to the Saint whose hope lies beyond this realm. While many in the world see truth as a chain, a burden to carry, God through the apostle portrays truth as the key to unlocking incredible blessings:

We are promised total forgiveness (1 John 1:9-10) because we have an Advocate who vouches for us before the Father (1 John 2:1-2).

We are promised a close, familial relationship with God (1 John 3:1-2, 1 John 4:7). We “know” God in a way that goes beyond any relationship we can fathom.

We are promised commandments that are not burdensome (1 John 5:3).

We are promised full assurance in something that is true, not a fairy tale or a myth. We believe in Jesus Christ because He is real, tangible (1 John 1:1-3).

<http://eastshelby.com/resources/articles/2019/11/24/truth>