

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)

July 18, 2021

Sunday Morning

Speaker: Stacy Crim

Sunday Morning Worship Only

Birthdays

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

Prayer List

- Kaitlin Baker
- Gen Stanley
- Nora Wiseman
- Jean Adkins
- Jamie Hall
- Kaitlyn Hall
- Ashley Hall
- Nick Hall
- Tina Smith
- Kathy Grove
- Betty Davis
- Mike Foos
- Debbie Rowan
- Charlotte Williams
- Mack Stanley

THE HEART VERSUS THE BIBLE

Michael R. Baggett

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9)

The heart is a word we use loosely to mean different things. There is the heart which pumps blood. There is also the use of the word heart used figuratively to indicate the emotions, the mind and the thoughts of mankind. The word heart is found 330 times in the KJV. Which should be your guide in determining religious truth, your heart or the Bible?

The first mention of the heart is found in Genesis 6:5 where it tells us, "...that every imagination of the thoughts of his [man's] heart was only evil continually." What does God say about trusting in your heart to guide you? Jeremiah

says, “…the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walks to direct his steps” (Jeremiah 10:23). The very people Jeremiah addressed originally would not hear the word. Jeremiah wrote: “The word of the Lord is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it” (Jeremiah 6:10). The Lord begged the people through the preaching of Jeremiah to, “…stand in the old ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, we will not walk therein” (Jeremiah 6:16). No, these people would not walk in God's ways, but in their own ways. They trusted in their own hearts even though Jeremiah warns: “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” (Jeremiah 17:9). What is the heart? Deceitful and wicked. Haven't we seen this before? (see Genesis 6:5). The prophet asks the question, “who can know it?” Are you 100% sure of the thoughts in your heart? The wise man wrote in Proverbs 28:26, “He that trusts in his own heart is a fool….”

While many people voice respect for the Bible, some will quickly throw the “heart card” when it is pointed out in the Scriptures there is a conflict with one of their religious beliefs or practices. I once explained to a man that Matthew Chapter 24 is not primarily a discussion about the second coming of Christ, but for the most part the destruction that would come on Jerusalem in A.D. 70. The man raised his voice, and said, “I've believed what I believe for 40 years and I'm not about to change my beliefs now!” Reader, please use some logic and you tell me whether this is a Biblical argument or an argument coming from the heart? A mistaken belief does not magically become a truth become it has been believed for 40 years! For thousands of years, people believed the world was flat, but that has been proven wrong. Just because something has been strongly believed for 40 years or even 1000's of years does not make it true. You see, the heart or emotional seat can take us down roads that are illogical and dangerous to our souls! It has been well said, “When it comes to religion and politics, all logic and reason seem to be thrown out the window.” The heart must never be allowed to “trump card” the word of God! Isaiah the prophet presents God wanting us to, “Come reason together…” (Isaiah 1:18). We reason with the Scriptures with fair minds (See Acts 17:11).

Friends, your feelings and emotions can carry you to hell. One can believe for 40 years that repentance and baptism are not necessary, but that does not make this true (Mark 16:15, 16; Act 2:38). One can believe a “free-for-all” type worship is Biblical, but God warns us about manmade worship (Matthew 15:9). For example, hollering and shouting and jumping pews is disorderly in the eyes of God and therefore not sound doctrine. Is it sufficient to say, “Well, my heart leads me to shout during worship”? Would it be more reasonable to ask, “What does the New Testament tell us about confusion and disorder in the local church?” (see 1st Corinthians 14:33, 40).

What about living with someone and enjoying the privileges of marriage outside of holy wedlock. If we convince ourselves that God does not care because; after all, “I am so happy,” will this change God's mind? Maybe you intend to marry this person. Does this make what you are doing now right? Do you feel immune to God's warnings and wrath? The Bible says that, “Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge” (Hebrews 13:4). How will God judge? By the word of God and according to your works! (John 12:48; 2nd Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 20:12). What will His judgement be? Fornicators (people who practice sex outside of marriage) and adulterers shall not inherit the kingdom of God (see 1 Corinthians 6:9-11). One can feel safe and feel that God is blessing them while the truth is God has departed from them (see Judges 16:16-20). When we pit the thoughts of our hearts against the word of God we will lose every time!

Learn to, “Trust in the Lord with all of your heart; and lean not unto you own understanding” (Proverbs 3:5). My only interest in teaching God's word is to present what God says without the influence of the heart or feelings or emotions which can distort the truth. What do you think about this? Should you follow your heart, or should you follow God's revealed word?