

Church of Christ

3361 West State Street, Fremont, OH 43420

Worship Services

Sunday Bible Study	10:00 am
Sunday Worship	10:45 am
Wednesday	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)

May 8, 2022

Songs & Lord's Supper:

Chris Frantz

Speaker: Ted Bowen

Wednesday Bible Study

Birthdays

1 Stacy Appelhans
9 Kaitlin Hall
15 Deb Hall
20 Lynda Holt
25 Debbie Rowan

Prayer List

Gen Stanley
Jean Adkins
Tina Smith
Betty Davis
Kathy Foos
Charlotte Williams
Mack Stanley
Linda Holt
Brenda Slattman
Mary Schimming

"HOW CAN WE KNOW THE TRUTH?"

Jarrod M. Jacobs

With so much religious confusion today, how can we be sure we know the truth? How can we be sure we are following the truth? How can we look at some and say, "you are wrong," while telling others, "you are right"? The Bible gives us the answer. The truth can be known today! How can we know the truth?

By Studying The Bible Without Preconceived Ideas.

Paul demands that men "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15, LSB). The Ephesians knew that when they read God's word, they would "understand my (Paul's) knowledge in the mystery of Christ" (Eph. 3:4). Is it necessary that men adopt their traditions, feelings, and rationalizations when studying God's word? No, sir! What is needed is that people put those things away and fill their minds with the

pure, unadulterated Word of God. Trouble comes when people do not handle God's word accurately! Our understanding becomes skewed when we allow preconceived ideas to infiltrate our study of God's word. When this happens, we will not know the truth!

By Studying Methodically

Bible study is a daily process, i.e., a discipline. Solomon said, "And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh" (Ecc. 12:12). God has conveyed His thoughts to us through writing we can comprehend and yet is incomprehensible in its scope! The Bible contains both the milk and meat of the word (I Pet. 2:2; Heb. 5:12-14). When people become discouraged and fall away or simply decide that they have done "enough studying," they have cut off their only source of spiritual life. Many forget that God's word will be used as the standard of judgment on the last day (II Pet. 3:16; Jn. 12:48). To refuse the Bible is to reject the truth (Jn. 17:17). Thus, if we want to know the truth, we must know the Bible!

By Not Being Afraid To Admit Our Mistakes.

Pride will be the downfall of many (Prov. 16:18). Peter tells us that God will exalt us if we humble ourselves (I Pet. 5:5-6). Though we might misunderstand passages of Scripture, this does not mean that we have to stay ignorant. We can admit our mistakes and then continue studying and growing (II Pet. 3:18).

Consider Apollos, the man who knew most but not all of God's word. He was shown that the baptism of John was no longer valid and was taught "the way of God more accurately" (Acts 18:24-26, LSB). As a result of two people's willingness to teach, and Apollos' willingness to learn, he traveled abroad and "helped the brethren much" (Acts 18:27-28). What would we think of Apollos had he refused to be corrected by those who loved him?

If we are to know the truth, we must not be afraid to admit our mistakes and fix them as soon as possible. Apollos did this and became a great teacher of the faith in many places (I Cor. 3). So can we.

By Understanding That God's Silence Does Not Give Permission.

Many religious people have the mistaken idea that when God says nothing, they have the freedom to act. Under the cloak of "silence," people have justified instrumental music in worship, infant baptism, and a host of other errors. Friends, God's silence prohibits action! It does not give permission.

Moses recognized God's silence when he told those who were defiled by touching a dead body to "Stand still, and I will hear what the LORD will command concerning you" (Num. 9:8). These men wanted to partake of the Passover but could not because they were defiled. When they asked Moses what to do, he did not rely on God's silence as permission. He told them to "stand still" until God told them what was to be done! God answered them in verse eleven, and that ended the controversy. Remember, it took God's commands to settle the question. When God is silent, we stand still!

In the New Testament, Peter says, "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God" (I Pet. 4:11). The word "oracles" means the "utterances of God." In other words, we speak where God speaks! Thus, justifying our actions because "God didn't say not to" is worthless! When God says nothing, we must be silent as well. The apostles reasoned in this manner when discussing whether or not the Gentiles had to be circumcised to be saved (Acts 15:7-19). When the letter was written to those in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia, the apostles said, "Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment" (Acts 15:24). In other words, those Gentile Christians were troubled by those who taught circumcision as necessary for salvation when the apostles had been silent about it! Seeing that the apostles were inspired to teach God's word (Jn. 16:8-13; Matt. 28:19; Mk. 16:15), when they were silent on a matter, it was because God was silent on the matter. Let us learn a lesson that the world has not and know that God's silence prohibits action. When God is silent, we stand still!

Conclusion

The truth can be known and understood. However, it will not be understood if we are not willing to lay aside the trappings of this life and simply come to the Lord's word as a "blank slate." Let God speak to us through His word. Accept what He says, and we will be amazed at the treasure available to us!