

The Church of Christ @ Fremont

3361 W. 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)

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 back was scourged. His head was crowned with thorns.

His hands were pierced. His feet were pierced. His side was cut open. (John 19:1-2,34
Psalm 22:16)

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)

April 30, 2023

Songs : Melvin Monroe

Lord's Supper : Chris Frantz

Speaker: Sean Rizor

Wednesday Song Service

Invitation: Ted Bowen

Birthdays

May

01 Stacy Appelhans
15 Deb Hall
20 Lynda Holt

Prayer List

Gen Stanley
Jean Adkins
Betty Davis
Connie Runion
Mack Stanley
Tina Smith
Family of Deb Rowan

WITHOUT THE WORD (T. Sean Sullivan)

Introduction:

I love the study of evidences. The more we dig and search, the more we build a proper case for believing in our Creator. The study of evidences is the collection of proofs that point to a great power, beyond our limitations, that caused us-and all that we know-to be. Psalm 19:1-6 declares the use of proofs as evidence for the Creator.

Now, all that being understood, our knowledge gathered from the Creation alone is limited to "there is a power beyond our limits that created all of this". That is all we can possibly know. However, our Creator is also a Communicator, who has not left us to wonder. He has revealed to us the knowledge that we could not know with this revelation. We call this great source of information the Bible. There are many things that we only know because God gave us the word, but these three in particular will be our focus today. Let's consider these points from the Scriptures, that we cannot know without the word of God.

We Wouldn't Know God

The trees, the rocks, and the rivers all demonstrate a Creator, but not one of them identifies the Creator. Any reasonable and logical approach to the world around us should lead us to want the identity of the great power that made us. Without the word this pursuit is hopeless, we need more than the natural world to provide the answer we seek.

Our Creator, in infinite wisdom, reveals Himself to us through the word (2 Timothy 3:16-17; James 1:17-25). Through the word, our Creator identifies Himself as God (Genesis 1:1; Genesis 15:1). We learn that the Godhead is made up of all those who are God—the Almighty Father, the Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit (All clearly seen in Matthew 3:16-17). Through the word, we learn of God's eternal nature (Hebrews 9:4; Revelation 4:8). His omniscience (1 Corinthians 2:10-12). His omnipresence (Psalm 139:7-10). His omnipotence (Ps. 104:30). Through the word we learn that our Creator God is a God of truth (Titus 1:2). This, of course, means that His directions, warnings, and promises are always true.

We Wouldn't Know God's Warning

Throughout the Bible, the God of Heaven seeks to save the souls of His creation. He provides warning and instruction, so man to prepare and be prepared. One thing we clearly learn is that God follows through with His warnings. In the days of Noah, God warned of the coming destruction (Genesis 6:11-13). It happened just as God said (Genesis 7:20-23). The earth and all its inhabitants, except Noah and his family, were destroyed. When God determined to deliver the children of Israel from Egypt, He warned them about the tenth plague (Genesis 11:1-6). God gave instructions so they might choose to be prepared (Genesis 12:3-13). It happened just as He said it would (Genesis 12:29-30).

There is an incredibly important warning for you and me, in the New Testament. God warns us concerning the end of this world (2 Peter 3). We must not disregard or mock this warning (2 Peter 3:1-7). We cannot know when, but we must trust that it will be just as God warns (vs. 8-09). God will destroy the world with fervent heat—all that we know will be consumed (v.10). With the warning, God also revealed instructions, and right now is our time to prepare (2 Peter 3:11-18). We prepare

ourselves by taking on "holy conduct and godliness". Maintaining our forgiveness [being "...in peace, without spot and blameless..."]. And also, growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ. Trusting in the word leads us to understand that the last warning has been given-there will be no more- it is in Revelation 22:20. Just like all of God's warnings, our warning will receive the same follow through. The destruction will come.

We Wouldn't Know God's Plan

Yes, God will destroy the world and perhaps that scares you, but He has a plan for us that we would not know without the word. God wants us to have Heaven as our everlasting home (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18). The plan is revealed in His word (John 8:31-32). We must read and study the Bible to know what is expected of us (2 Timothy 2:15). We are to look for the instructions, the examples, and the evidence to learn God's plan.

What is the plan? The plan is referred to as "the gospel" in the Scriptures (Romans 1:16; Acts 8:25). The record of Jesus, His life, His teaching, His sacrificial death, His resurrection, His ascension, the instructions in gaining what He provides for us-this is the gospel, the message of Jesus (Acts 8:35). We must have faith in what Jesus has done for us and what His plan expects of us (Romans 10:13-17). We must repent of the sins in our life (Acts 2:38; 2 Peter 3:9). Sin is what took us away from God (Isaiah 59:1-2; Romans 6:23a). We cannot intentionally continue on in sin and also continue in the plan (Romans 6:1-2). We must confirm our belief through our personal confession of Jesus Christ the Son of God (Romans 10:8-11). This point of belief is required to move forward in the plan (Acts 8:36-37). We must be baptized in water, for the remission of sins. Following the clear teaching of the Scriptures (Mark 16:16). Not just any baptism, a specific baptism is needed (Acts 2:38-39; Acts 19:1-5). We come up out of the water with a fresh start.

Cleansed from our past sins (Acts 22:16). We regain the newness of life (Romans 6:3-4). We must purpose to shun the sins of our past and maintain the new way of righteousness (Ephesians 4:17-32).

Far too many refuse these scriptural facts in God's plan. God has warned us of the end and instructed us as to be prepared-He will follow through, and we must too.

Conclusion:

We need to know more than "some great power beyond" Truly we need to know more than the fact that God is. What we need to know is what our current relationship is, to our Creator God. What God expects from us. What we should expect from Him.

God has shown us His power in the natural world all around us, but even more through His word. He has told us who He is and what He expects. God has clearly warned us that this life is temporary. God has given us a plan and the ability to follow His plan. Do you trust the word of God? The apostle Paul said, "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). Why are you waiting?

TAKE HEED (Dennis Abernathy)

The Bible never flatters its heroes. They are portrayed "warts and all!" We tend to look at the heroes of Scripture as super human beings, incapable of sins of any consequence. But we need to understand that the men and women of Scripture have feet of clay, and when the Holy Spirit paints a portrait of their lives, He's a very realistic artist. He never overlooks, ignores, or denies the worst i. e., their dark side is not painted over.

For example, consider David's sinful encounter with Bathsheba. No sin, unless it would be the sin of Adam and Eve, has received more press than the sin of David and Bathsheba. Movies have been made about it, and reams have been written. I want to emphasize that David was a man who loved God. He was "a man after God's own heart" (Acts 13: 22). David sinned, but his sin was no greater than your sin or mine; ours simply have not been recorded for all to read. Admittedly, his sin was intensified because of who he was, and because of how he mishandled it. But it was just sin, an act of disobedience he later came to regret with bitter tears. In that regard, he certainly does not stand alone, does he?

I am not justifying what David did, and I'm certainly not trying to defend it. I'm only trying to put it in proper perspective. You may be thinking: "That would never happen to me" or "How could David be so weak and vulnerable?" Read the following: "Let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor. 10: 12). The New Living Translation says: "If you think you are standing strong, be careful, for you, too, may fall into the same sin." Wedged between the words "stand" and "fall" are the words "take heed" or "be careful." We all need to do that on a regular basis. We all struggle against the same kinds of fleshly temptations that have always troubled humankind. If we do not "take heed" by running as fast as we can from this kind of temptation, we will fall, just as David did! How many times has a fortress been stormed because its defenders thought that it was impregnable? Under estimating the power of temptation has led many of God's people down a very dark path. Life is a "chancy" business, and we must ever be on the watch. Think on these things.