

# The Church of Christ @ Fremont

3361 W. State Street, Fremont, OH 43420

*Sunday Bible Study* 10:00 am

*Sunday Worship* 10:45 am

*Wednesday Bible Study* 7:00 pm

February 11, 2024

Songs : Chris Frantz

Lord's Supper : Melvin Monroe

Speaker : Melvin Monroe

Wednesday Song Service

Invitation : Melvin Monroe

**Preachers :** Ted Bowen and Sean Rizor

## 7 Things to Remember During the Lord's Supper

1. One Lord – “There is one Lord” Eph. 4:5
2. Two thieves – “There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death.” Lk. 23:42
3. Three crosses – Lk. 23:39-43
4. Four 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.” Jn. 19:32
5. Five wounds – His back was scourged, head was crowned with thorns, hands and feet were pierced and side was cut opened. Jn. 19:1-2, 34; Psalm 22:16
6. Six hours of agony – He was crucified on the 3<sup>rd</sup> hour and died in the 9<sup>th</sup> hour Mk. 15:25-37
7. Seven statements spoke by Christ – Matt. 27:46; Lk. 23:34, 43-46; Jn. 19:26-30

### Birthdays:

11 Sean Rizor  
17 Jean Adkins  
25 Nora Wiseman

### Prayer List:

Gen Stanley	Connie Runion
Jean Adkins	Tina Smith
Betty Davis	Ted Bowen
Mack Stanley	Matt Thieman
Family of Richard Slattman	
Family of Doris Long	

## WHEN CHRISTIANS CALL SIN A LIBERTY

By Joe Price

For something to be a liberty, the law of Christ must first judge it permissible. “All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any” (1 Cor. 6:12). Paul did not remove every stipulation concerning sin, thus making everything acceptable. Far from it. Instead, he affirmed that lawful things must be used in helpful ways that glorify God (see 1 Cor. 6:20). A liberty is never an opportunity to serve the flesh, “For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another” (Gal. 5:13; 1 Pet. 2:15-16).

### **What Must I do to be Saved?**

Learn the Truth (hear) - Jn. 8:32, 17:17; Rom 10:17  
Believe in Christ – Jn. 8:24, 20:31; Heb 11:6  
Repent of all sins – Lk. 13:3; Acts 17:30; Rom 2:4  
Confession of Faith – Acts 17:30; Rom 10:10  
Baptism – Act 2:38, 22:16  
Live Faithfully – Rev 2:10

The failure to distinguish liberty from sin invariably leads brethren to defend error and justify immorality. We must learn and use God's word to train our senses to "discern both good and evil" (Heb. 5:14).

Social drinking. I just read a Christian recommending a description of drinking alcohol as a liberty (while agreeing that drunkenness is a sin). He said not to drink (use your "liberty") in such a way as to draw others into addictive behavior (i.e., don't be cavalier in your drinking before others). Such an approach is an error and against God's word. The Scriptures condemn drunkenness and the drinking that leads to it (1 Pet. 4:3; Prov. 20:1; 23:29-35). It is not a liberty in Christ to drink as long as you do not influence others to harm themselves with your alcoholic consumption. Scripture does not condone this view of drinking intoxicants. It is not a "liberty."

Social dancing. The absence of moral restraint is the sin of lewd and lascivious conduct (Rom. 13:13; Gal. 5:19; 1 Pet. 4:3). It is self-abandonment, the lack of moral restraint. One only needs to look at the activities on the dance floor to see the actions of lewdness. Yet, some Christians defend their "liberty" to dance, but not because the Scriptures teach it is innocent. They define it as a liberty because they approve of it. But, self-approval does not make something a liberty (2 Cor. 10:12).

Immodest clothing. Some brethren believe it is a person's liberty (right) to wear mini-skirts, short shorts, and other body-revealing clothes. Scripture teaches the exposure of the thigh is a shameful display of one's nakedness (Isa. 47:2-3; Exod. 28:42). Our clothing is to display shamefastness and sobriety, not the absence of shame through the absence or exaggeration of clothing (1 Tim. 2:9-10).

Divorce and remarriage without cause. Many brethren refuse to identify the sin of putting away one's mate for causes other than fornication (Matt. 19:9). Is it because they view it to be a liberty to end a marriage without Christ's stated cause? The Scriptures say sundering what God has joined together is a sin, not a liberty (Matt. 19:6).

God calls us to be holy as He is holy (1 Pet. 1:15-16). Holiness is defined and arranged by God's word, not by men's word and wisdom (1 Thess. 5:21-22).

Yes, we have liberties in Christ, but they are pure and clean in and of themselves. Liberties are acceptable to God and free of condemnation (Rom. 14:14, 16, 18, 20, 22). We dare not approve of what God condemns. Let us "abhor what is evil" and "cling to what is good" (Rom. 12:9).