

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

Preachers : Sean Rizor and Melvin Monroe

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 3rd hour and died in the 9th hour Mk. 15:25-37
7. Seven statements spoke by Christ – Matt. 27:46; Lk. 23:34, 43-46; Jn. 19:26-30

DOES GOD ACCEPT ME "JUST AS I AM?"

By Joe R. Price

Occasionally I hear or read that God accepts us "just as we are." I am not entirely sure what that statement means. I would like for someone who says, "God will accept me just as I am" or, "God has accepted me just as I am," to explain what that means, using God's word, the Bible, to justify the sentiment (1 Thess. 5:21-22).

The Scriptures teach that God will not accept me "just as I am" . . .

(1) If I refuse to believe in Jesus Christ. "To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sin" (Acts 10:43). The unbeliever will not be accepted by God "just as he is," but the lake of fire will accept him in his unbelief (Rev. 21:8). To think Jesus will save you "just as you are" while you refuse to live by faith is self-deception (John 8:23-24).

July 14, 2024

Songs : Chris Frantz

Lord's Supper : Chris Frantz

Speaker : Stacy Crim

Wednesday Bible Study

Invitation : Melvin Monroe

Birthdays:

03 Mack Stanley
14 Brian Wagner
19 Judson Appelhans
27 Connie Rowan
29 Heidi Frantz
31 T.J. Smith

Anniversaries:

29 Jim & Jean Adkins

Prayer List:

Gen Stanley	Connie Runion
Jean Adkins	Tina Smith
Betty Davis	Mack Stanley

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

(2) If I refuse to repent of my sins. "I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:5). Paul preached sinners "should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance" (Acts 26:20). So, God will not accept the liar "just as he is." He must repent of his lying and "speak truth with his neighbor" (Eph. 4:25). God will not accept an adulterer "just as he is." He must repent of his adultery and stop his sinful relationship and conduct (Rev. 9:20-21). Some brethren teach people they should continue to live in their unscriptural, sinful, and adulterous remarriage relationship when they obey the gospel (Matt. 19:9). The words of the Holy Spirit in 1 Corinthians 7:24 are twisted to support this encouragement, convincing sinners they may remain in an unholy remarriage they believe has been sanctified by baptism. But, this passage describes people who are "with God," not the adulterer before baptism. Neither does it describe him if he continues to commit adultery after baptism. No, Jesus will not receive you "just as you are" if you refuse to repent and cease your sin, including adultery. The Lord does not accept anyone who continues to sin (Rom. 6:1-2).

(3) If I refuse to confess my faith in Christ. ". . . if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:9-10). Does this describe Jesus unconditionally accepting a sinner "just as he is?" No, if one will not confess Jesus before men, Jesus will not confess him before the Father in heaven (Matt. 10:33). He will not be accepted "just as he is" without confessing faith - he will be lost in sin.

(4) If I refuse to be baptized for the remission of my sins. "He who believes and is baptized will be saved," not the one who believes but refuses to be baptized (Mark 16:16). Many souls will be lost because they comfort themselves believing God accepts them "just as they are" despite rejecting the Lord's command to be baptized to be saved.

(5) If I refuse to be faithful to the Lord. "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say" (Luke 6:46)? This warning should resonate in the ear of every Christian who thinks the Lord will accept him "just as he is" even while living unfaithfully. Faith without works (of faith) is dead. But faith working through love avails in Christ (James 2:17; Gal. 5:6-7). The Lord will not accept you "just as you are" if you live unfaithfully.

What is your spiritual condition before God? Will God accept you "just as you are?" Not if you do not believe Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ, the Son of the living God; Not if you believe Jesus is the Son of God but you will not confess your faith in Him; Not if you have confessed your faith but will not repent and remove sin from your life (Rom. 6:1-2); Not if you reject baptism as necessary for your salvation from sin (1 Pet. 3:21; Acts 22:16); and not if you are a Christian who is being unfaithful to Jesus (Gal. 2:20).

God will save and accept you when you surrender to His will and do what He wants instead of remaining "just as you are."

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted to You" (Psalm 51:10-13).