

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

A Christian's Hope is Laid Up in Heaven

"We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel" (Col. 1:3-5).

Paul gives thanks to God because of the hope which was laid up in heaven for the saints. "Hope" (elpida) denotes a confident expectation of receiving something in the future. A Christian's hope of eternal life (Titus 1:2; 3:7) is confident because of God's promises - not because of himself (Heb. 6:13-18).

September 8, 2024

Songs : Chris Frantz

Lord's Supper : Melvin Monroe

Speaker : Melvin Monroe

Wednesday Bible Study

Invitation : Melvin Monroe

Birthdays:

08 Connie Runion

19 Melvin Monroe

24 Sandra Foos

Prayer List:

Gen Stanley Connie Runion

Jean Adkins Tina Smith

Betty Davis Mack Stanley

Anita Montague

Family of Norma Foos

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

But, if it (i.e., hope) is certain, why is it called hope? Paul explains in Romans 8:24-25 that it is hope because it is not seen - it has not been received.

But how can we be certain of receiving something that has not been seen? Hebrews 11:1 says: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." So, our hope of eternal life is: hope because it has not been seen or received, and is confident because of faith.

Paul told the Colossians that their hope was laid up for them in heaven (Col. 1:5). Laid up (apokeimenn) denotes: laid away, reserved, stored up. Nothing on earth illustrates a certain hope. But, it is similar to a young child who has a certain expectation of eating tomorrow. He has not received the next day's food, yet he is confident that the food will be there to eat. And, it is similar to reserving a hotel room with a credit card - the room is reserved and awaiting the traveler; it cannot be given to anyone else and cannot be canceled except by the one who has reserved the room. The traveler has not seen the room, the traveler has not received the room, but the traveler has a confident expectation of receiving the room.

"Laid up" is also used of the crown of righteousness (2 Tim. 4:8), death (Heb. 9:27), and subsequent judgment. There are two things reserved and inescapable for each person - death and judgement. For Christians, there is one other thing laid up - eternal life, a crown of righteousness.

Jesus says: "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also" (Jn. 14:2-3).

Think about this: If you are a Christian, you have a mansion in heaven laid up for you, reserved for you, and awaiting your arrival. Metaphorically: Your mansion in heaven has your name on it; It cannot be taken or occupied by anyone else. You are the only person that can cancel your reservation - if you don't cancel it, you'll receive it after your brief pilgrimage on earth.

Do you have an earnest expectation and hope (Phil. 1:20) of eternal life? If not, nothing is keeping you from it but yourself. If you do, then give thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light (Col. 1:12).