

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

February 16, 2025

Songs: Melvin Monroe

Lord's Supper: Melvin Monroe

Speaker: Sean Rizor

Wednesday Bible Study

Invitation: Chris Frantz

Birthdays:

11 Sean Rizor

17 Jean Adkins

25 Nora Wiseman

Prayer List:

Gen Stanley Jean Adkins

Tina Smith Betty Davis

Mack Stanley

Next Ladies Bible Study will be Tuesday, February 25th.

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 GIFT OF THE GOSPEL

T. Sean Sullivan

Introduction:

I love this time of year, especially knowing it leads to my family's traditional gift exchange. Many families will participate in their own gift exchanges. With all of this gift-giving, there is one particular gift that should be at the top of our list.

Before we get to that, let's consider some important knowledge from the book of Romans. Romans 3:23 says, “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”. This verse indicts every accountable soul for the sins they have committed—every accountable soul, without exception. Romans 6:23a says, “For the wages of sin is death...” sin separates souls from God—every accountable soul needs help. So, what is the only gift that will remedy this perilous situation for ourselves and everyone else?

The gift we need to give is found in the rest of Romans 6:23. The rest of the verse says, “...but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”. What gift could possibly be more important than this

gift of God? The gift of God is the gift of the gospel. Let's consider how we can share the message of eternal life-the gospel of Jesus Christ (Romans 1:16), with everyone (Mark 16:15-16).

To Start, Start

We do not have to take on the whole world to fulfill this directive from the Lord-souls are all around us. What happened when Andrew met Jesus, in John 1:35-42. Andrew reacted the same way that we should-he couldn't keep Jesus to himself. He excitedly went and told his brother Simon Peter. Think of the souls that Andrew influenced to salvation by believing Jesus and sharing with his brother Peter. Are you excited about Jesus, go and tell everyone who will listen. Consider the attitude of the Eunuch after becoming a Christian. Acts 8:39 says, "He went on his way rejoicing..." It would be interesting to know how many people he went and told with the new joyful attitude that he possessed through Christ his Savior.

We are not only sharing excitement we are gifting the truth of salvation-the gospel of Jesus Christ.

There Will Be Different Reactions

Some will listen and believe (John 1:43-51). When Jesus met Philip, He said, "Follow Me". Philip was accepting and excited; and certainly not willing to keep it to himself. Philip told his friend Nathaniel. There can be no greater expression of friendship than to share the gift of the gospel with all our "friends". Philip in his excitement went to tell Nathanael, but Nathanael was doubtful and resistant (v.46). He was prejudiced and skeptical, saying, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" I suppose that Nathanael wanted to design his own Savior-more to his own liking.

There will be people, like Nathanael, who will reject the simplicity of God's plan, and the humble nature the Savior. Unfortunately, for their current mindset, true hope does not come in fancy wrappings. Paul in 1 Corinthians 1:25-31 declared that God's wisdom is not what many are looking for. Even in the face of resistance, Philip invited Nathanael to "come and see" (vs. 46). Can we not do the same today? Invite your friends to come and see what we are doing right here to serve and worship God in truth. Philip didn't attack Nathanael over his doubt he encouraged him to look for himself. We too need to learn how to deal with situations like this. Always being ready to defend our faith-intelligently and correctly from the Scriptures (1 Peter 3:15).

Some will accept and some will reject the gift we offer-this is how it is, when we are sharing the gift of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Share It with Whoever Will Listen

Be like the woman at the well of Sychar in John 4:25-42. She was looking for the Messiah to come. There are still many, today, who are looking for Christ (Matthew 9:37-38). We need to show them the way (Mark 16:15-16). She heard, believed, and went to tell anyone who would listen, anyone she could convince to go and see. Because of her willingness to share, many came to Christ to hear and they believed (vs. 39).

Be like Andrew and Philip, react as if it is the most important words in the whole world-because they are!!! We are sharing the hope of salvation from sin (Romans 1:16). We are sharing the hope of a better life here and now (Galatians 5:22-25); and the ultimate life after (Revelation 21:1-4). Because of her willingness to share, countless souls came to Christ.

Conclusion:

What can we learn from these three records? We can teach our family like Andrew. We can teach a friend like Philip. We can teach strangers like the woman in John 4. Something else we learn is that without the courage to tell Peter may have never been saved. Nathanael may have never been saved. Many Samaritans may not have heard the truth and been saved.

The truth is a gift for us and for us to share. The souls of our families, friends, and neighbors need you and me to share this gift with them. Even now we freely share this opportunity to obey. Come to God and receive the gift of His grace, through obedience, right now