

# *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 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

## **WE NEED TO KNOW WHY**

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Introduction:

This is the first day of the week-the Lord's Day. We are here because of this book-the Bible. We have been instructed through this book to: worship God, pursue righteousness, and support one another in both these endeavors.

Based on the modern evidence, and claims of religious bodies, many are being led to believe that the Bible is full of “options”. The evidence is presented in nearly every town in this country-so many choices presented as worship.

We need to know “why” we are here, instead of partaking of other options in our local “buffet of faiths”. Is it that we are practicing just another one of the many choices? Or, does it matter what we do or how we do what we do?

Let's take the time to consider these questions: Why are we here? Why do we do what we do? Why it matters?

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Songs: Chris Frantz

Lord's Supper: Tony Smith

Speaker: Melvin Monroe

Wednesday Song Service

Invitation: Melvin Monroe

### **Birthdays:**

01 Stacey Appelhans

15 Debbie Hall

20 Lynda Holt

### **Prayer List:**

Gen Stanley      Jean Adkins

Nora Wiseman    Betty Davis

Mack Stanley    Tina Smith

Jordan Chapman

### **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

## Why Are We Here?

We are worshipping the God of Heaven, whom we would not know apart from information found in the Bible. We are seeking God, understanding that He desires our attention (Acts 17:27). We are seeking Him with the knowledge of His willingness to reward us (Hebrews 11:6). We worship God here the same way they did in the first century by song (Ephesians 5:19), prayer (Acts 2:42), and proclamation of His word (Acts 20:7), remembrance (1 Corinthians 11:23-29), and monetary offering (1 Corinthians 16:1-2).

We are seeking God's direction. We study to know the truth. John 8:31-32 says, "Abide in My word...you shall know the truth". 2 Timothy 2:15 says, "Be diligent to show yourself approved to God". We listen to the sermon with the goal of being strengthened (1 Thessalonians 5:11-14). But also, to be convinced, rebuked, and exhorted, as needed (2 Timothy 4:2).

We are supporting one another. Romans 12:9-6 directs us to love one another "without hypocrisy". Every member here needs to know, with full assurance, that every other member loves them enough to always seek the soul's salvation. We are here, as Hebrews 10:24-25 says, to "consider one another"-seeking what is best for each other.

## Why Do we Do What We Do?

Only with the Bible as our standard, can we know what we must do. If everyone would have the courage and the time to search the Scriptures, they would see what is "so" (Acts 17:11). Consider 2 Timothy 2:15, "Be diligent to show yourself approved of God". Rightly divide the word of truth. Of course, this means that we properly use God's word. The Bible is the revealed authority of God (1 Peter 4:11). By the Bible, we are educated in all that we are to do in this life to be as we should be-godly (2 Peter 1:3).

There are three ways of finding God's authority. They are all used in Acts 15. There was a question concerning the Gentiles requirement to become circumcised, to become a Christian. Some of the Jewish brethren in Jerusalem wanted to enforce it. The apostles used three methods of determining whether God authorizes the Gentiles to be saved without circumcision. In verses 6-11-we learn about "necessary conclusions". In verse 12-we learn about "approved examples". In verses 13-18-we learn about "direct statements". There is also one other point of authority that must be respected. In verse 24, the apostles said, "to whom we gave no such command". By this, we learn that where there is no directive there is no authority. The "silence of God" is prohibitive not permissive and it must be respected.

We cannot say "we are doing God's will" without Bible, Book, Chapter, and Verse to demonstrate His authority.

## Why it Matters?

What we do matters, and it always has. All the way back the beginning, in the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve disrespected God's authority-and everything changed (Genesis 3:16-19). Nadab and Abihu assumed God's authority was optional-and they were struck down (Leviticus 10:1-2). Uzzah assumed that God's rules had exceptions-and he taught us all that there are no exceptions (2 Samuel 6:3-7). Even Moses, assumed that he could ignore God's rules and strike the rock, after God told him to "speak to the rock"- for breaking the rules, Moses was denied entrance to the Promised Land (Numbers 20:7-12). What we do matters, and it will always matter. We will all give an answer to God for what we have done (2 Corinthians 5:10).

## Conclusion:

God has given His word so that we will know what to do and how to do it. The only way to know we are doing God's will is to respect His authority. The only way to know we are doing God's will is to have Bible, Book, Chapter, and Verse.

This one book is the only hope of ultimate success. That is "why" we purpose to rightly divide this book, to find the success it promises (2 Timothy 2:15). We can know why we do what we do, and we need to know.

Our Father, through the revelation of His divine will, has established a plan for you to be saved. This moment can be the beginning of your greatest hope. So "why" are you waiting? Come to God on His terms, and find His hope, right now.