

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

IN THE WORK OF THE LORD by T. Sean Sullivan

Introduction:

The Apostle Paul, nearing the end of his first epistle to the Corinthians, shared some exhortations that declare the expectation of God for every local church-and each member involved. The Apostle exhorts in all of us to be, "...steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Our involvement in the work of the Lord often falls prey to "good intentions". There are those, who know they should become Christians, but continue to be distracted or are hesitating. Often, Christians, put their responsibilities to this work "on the back burner". We need to get "active" while our ability, and time, permits.

Let's consider these thoughts: Becoming a Christian, if you have not. Being more involved in this work. Helping others find Christ. Let's consider these three ways in which we can be more active in the work of the Lord.

First, Get into Christ.

We often use the phrasing "in Christ". It is found in the New Testament and it is a description of those who are true Christians. In Ephesians 1:3-14 we are supplied with a list of exclusive promises for those "in Christ". Those "in Christ" have "every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" (v.3). Those "in

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01 Stacey Appelhans

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Gen Stanley Jean Adkins

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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

Christ" are "chosen" by the Father, as the group who will be saved (v.4). Those "in Christ" have been adopted as children to the Father (v.5). Those "in Christ" are the "accepted" ones (v.6). Those "in Christ" have been "redeemed" by the blood of Christ (v.7). Those "in Christ" have the riches of God's grace (vs.7-8). Those "in Christ" are participating in the "mystery of God" revealed (v. 9-10). Those "in Christ" have a greater "inheritance" (vs.11-14). To speak logically and clearly, if you are not "in Christ" you have none of the above exclusive opportunities-those outside of Christ are not saved, in their present situation.

There is only one reasonable next step, and that is to find our way to being "in Christ". A search of the Scriptures for the relationship of "in Christ" will direct the willing listener to two passages in the New Testament: Romans 6:3-5, "Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection..." Galatians 3:27, "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." There is a direct link between being baptized and being described as being "in Christ". Along with baptism we discover the necessity of: Faith (Mark 16:15-16). Repentance (Acts 2:38). Confession of Jesus as the Son of God (Acts 8:37-38). Continual dedication (Acts 2:41-42)

To be active in the work of the Lord, you must become a Christian. So, don't let anything stop you.

Then Be Involved in this Work

The involvement of every member in this congregation is described in Ephesians 4:11-16. There are some specific roles named here, but also "every member" has a share in this work. This mutual effort is how this congregation becomes "effective" in the work of the Lord.

Our involvement in this work requires: Being here: Whether it is a welcome subject or not, we need to be here to be part of this work. Hebrews 10:24 directs each member to actively, "consider one another in order to stir up love and good works". Of course, our scheduled gatherings provide just such an opportunity; as the writer points out in the very next verse-Hebrews 10:25 says, "...not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." Being part of the family: Being a brother or sister in the Lord (1 Timothy 5:1-2). Bringing back the true sense of our connection-mutual encouragement and love (John 13:34-35; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8; 2 Peter 1:5-10). Bringing back loyalty-today's "throwaway-world" seems to have forgotten that there are things worth the effort to keep, and certainly our family in Christ should be at the top of that list (Ephesians 4:1-3 "...with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love..."). Bringing back true concern for "best interests"-family should occasionally remind us of what is "best for us" (Matthew 18:15-17).

To be active in the work of the Lord, we must be involved in the work. So, find your role and grow in it.

And Bring Others to the Truth

Every one of us has an influence on others, let's use our influence to bring others to the truth. Everyone needs a relationship with God, through Jesus Christ, so help them see that like the brethren at Thessalonica (1 Thessalonians 1:6-9).

In order to influence others toward God: Give the glory and praise to God, always. From the simplest blessing to our greatest success, we owe all that we are and all that we have to God (1 Thessalonians 5:18). We can influence others to look to God, if we openly praise Him for all that we have. Speak openly of your hope in Christ. Magnify your relief from sin's burden (Matthew 11:28; Romans 6:16-18). Speak of the better way of life, according to God's plan (Galatians 5:22-25). Speak often of Heaven and what is required to enter there one day (Matthew 7:21). Live worthy of imitation, as Paul did (1 Corinthians 11:1).

To be active in the work of the Lord, we need to bring others to the truth. Use your life to shine the light of hope, for others to see the truth of God's way (Matthew 5:16).

Conclusion:

The Apostle Paul, exhorts every member to be, "...steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." We need to make sure that we are: Firstly, in Christ. From there we must become involved in His work. Then always seeking to influence others to find His hope.

So, what about you? Is it time to begin, or begin anew? There is room in this congregation for your talents and abilities-our work will never stop requiring additional help. We need all our members to be even more influential to others in this world. The hope of the gospel is available to you, if you are willing. Why not obey God, right now?

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