

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

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

February 23, 2025

Songs: Chris Frantz

Lord's Supper: Sean Rizor

Speaker: Melvin Monroe

Wednesday Bible Study

Invitation: Melvin Monroe

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.

GOD THE CREATOR by Craig Thomas

Psalm 89 consists of 52 verse; hence, there are several themes worthy of exploration. I will limit myself to one quite simple, yet extremely profound theme. Note verses 5 and 11:

*"⁵ And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord;
Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints."*

*"¹¹ The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours;
The world and all its fullness, You have founded them."*

God as Creator is a prominent theme in the Psalms; it is mentioned dozens of times, for example Psalm 19:1-4:

¹ *The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament shows His handiwork.*

² *Day unto day utters speech,
And night unto night reveals knowledge.*

³ *There is no speech nor language
Where their voice is not heard.*

⁴ *Their line has gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world."*

Man, constantly denies or minimizes God's role as our Creator. There are many reasons that could be cited; however, I believe the primary and most obvious reason is to avoid accountability to Him. If indeed He is the "Potter" and we are the "clay" (cf. Isa. 64:8) we are answerable to Him and He is not answerable to us.

"²⁰ *But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, 'Why have you made me like this?' ²¹ Does not the potter have power over the clay . . .*" (Rom. 9:20-21)

Men, in general, hate accountability of any form, but most especially to God. A phrase in Luke's account of the "Parable of the Minas" (Lk. 19:11-27) precisely sums up the attitude most have toward divine authority: "*We will not have this man to reign over us.*" (Lk. 19:14) This parable ends (v. 27) with a stern warning for those seeking to avoid accountability to their Creator: "*But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me.*"

Atheistic, materialistic scientists claim the Universe created itself from nothing ~13.77 billion years ago. They also claim the Earth has been around for about 4.5 billion years and man evolved from apes several million years ago. This is totally at odds with the Genesis account. Sadly, many "Christian" apologists try to reconcile the Biblical account of creation with atheistic evolution by caving to this "deep time" concept. These folks advocate for several versions of "theistic evolution." In this false paradigm, God supposedly got the Universe started some 13.77 billion years ago as claimed by their atheistic, materialistic allies and then He allowed natural processes to "take the ball and run with it," so to speak.

Such theories are impossible to reconcile with the biblical account without creating many insurmountable difficulties. Also, there is a vast body of solid literature which argues for the veracity of the biblical account of creation and a "young" Earth and Universe. This literature points out many solid concrete reasons for such a conclusion. As a trained scientist I admit the scientific evidence for the age of the Universe has some confusing aspects. But as a scientist I also know that as man's limited knowledge advances, we consistently "peel back another layer of the onion" as new scientific discoveries are made. To base one's faith and eternal destiny on the vacillating views of godless scientists is folly. Tomorrow's scientific discoveries invalidate today's "truths." I want my faith firmly grounded in God's Word!

"¹⁷ *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*" (Rom. 10:17)

That is not to say that science is not of value. However, the most important evidence supporting the biblical record of a "young Earth" is the biblical account and the words of our Lord and Savior. Jesus believed in the Genesis account of creation. He believed in the veracity of the stories concerning Adam & Eve, Cain & Abel, Noah and the Flood, Jonah, etc. If one reduces such stories to myths and doubts their historical and chronological accuracy it reflects on the character of our Lord. Such "old Earth" conclusions can only be held if Jesus was mistaken or a liar. Neither one is true! Neither can be acceptable to a faithful Christian!

The Bible clearly states:

"¹ *In the **beginning** God created the heavens and the earth.*" (Gen. 1:1)

And

"¹¹ *For in **six days** the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day.*" (Ex 20:11)

And, Jesus said:

"⁶ *But from the **beginning** of the creation, God 'made them male and female.'*" (Mark 10:6)

When did God make "them male and female"? "from the beginning of creation"! When did God create "the heavens and the earth"? "In the beginning"! Case closed!!

Whether it is the atheistic, materialistic, evolutionist or a "Christian" who believes in some form of theistic evolution (e.g., "Day-Age Theory"); either case denies the Lord knew what He was talking about. He ought to know! And, so should we if we claim to be His disciples.

"¹ *In the **beginning** was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the **beginning** with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.*" (Jn. 1:1-3)