

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

YOU CAN BE JUST A CHRISTIAN by Samuel Matthews

"25 Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul: 26 and when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:25-26). KJV

Loved ones, this two-part post has been written with love (Eph. 4:15), and we thank God that His mercy and manifold blessings are allowing you to read and study it.

Among others, the following questions will be answered:

- a. Why are there so many different churches or faiths?
- b. Is the Bible the only book from God?
- c. Why do some preachers call themselves "pastor, Father or Reverend"?
- d. Does God allow a woman to become a "pulpit preacher"?
- e. What must one do to accept Christ, or what must one do to be saved?

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Wednesday Bible Study

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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

It is our prayer that you will clear your mind of all religious prejudice and study each scriptural reference from your Bible with an honest and good heart (2 Tim. 2:15; Luke 8:15).

It is also our hope that you will understand the grace and truth given you from God the Father by the Lord Jesus Christ (John 1:17).

Now please take a deep breath, fasten your seatbelt and hang-in-there ... for this post is going to tell it like it is!

1. GOD SPEAKS THRU HIS WORD!

We believe that most of you truly love and are striving to obey the Lord from your heart (Rom. 6:17). But Jesus says, "If you love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). So, if you truly love God, you will believe and obey what His Word or Son says (Heb. 1:1-2; Luke 6:46; Matt. 7:21-27; James 1:22, 25).

The Holy Spirit revealed the word to the apostles (John 14:16-17; John 16:13-14). They wrote it down in the Bible so that we might read and understand the "mystery" of Christ (1 Tim. 3:16; Eph. 3:3-6).

The Bible is therefore the written Word of God (1 Thess. 2:13; John 1:1-2,14); the written Truth of God (John 17:17; John 14:6); the written Power of God (Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 1:24)!

In the Bible we find "all things pertaining unto life and godliness" (2 Pet. 1:3). We also find the Peace of God (Phil. 4:7), the Knowledge of God (Col. 1:9-10), and the Salvation of God (Acts 28:28).

The Bible contains the only "doctrine" which will equip mankind for every good work (2 Tim. 3:16-17) and will one day be used as the basis for judgement (John 12:48).

Dear friends, the Bible presents the saving Gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ ... the facts that Jesus died on the cross for our sins, was buried, and rose again the third day (1 Cor. 15:1-4).

The Gospel is something that Christ commanded to be preached to the whole world (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15,16; Luke 24:46-47; 1 Cor. 9:16), NOT the book of Mormon or the Catechism. God wants man to obey the Gospel (Romans 10:16; Heb. 5:9), and further, it is something that we must obey or be eternally lost (1 Pet. 4:17; 2 Thess. 1:7-9).

Since the Gospel of Christ is God's power to save the believer (Rom. 1:16), should we seek another way or power? The answer is definitely NO. (Gal. 1:6-9).

2. GOD'S PEOPLE ARE CALLED CHRISTIANS!

The Bible calls God's people Christians, priest, children, disciples, saints, and brethren (Acts 11:26; Rev. 1:6; Gal. 3:26; Col. 1:1-2). Christians are taught to do all in the name (by the authority) of Jesus (Col. 3:17), rather than by the authority of the Pope, Joseph Smith, Jr, Martin Luther, John Calvin, Mary Baker Eddy, or any other man or woman.

Therefore, God's people are not called Adventists, Anglicans, Apostolic, Baptist, Buddhist, Catholics, Congregationalist, Deist, Episcopalians, Hindus, Holiness, Jehovah Witnesses, Jews, Lutherans, Masons, Mennonites, Methodist, Moonies, Mormons, Moslems, Muslims, Nazarenes, Orthodox, Pentecostals, Presbyterians, Protestants, Quakers, Unitarians, etc.

The above human man-made names keep the religious world divided. "Christian" is the name acceptable to God (Acts 4:10-12; Acts 26:28; 1 Pet. 4:16). Believers must be willing to discard all human religious names and wear the name "Christian" only ... for the name you wear tells who you belong to (1 Cor. 3:3-9; cf. 2 Tim. 2:19; Nah. 1:7)!

3. GOD'S SEVENFOLD UNITY

The Bible speaks of seven "ones" (Eph. 4:4-6). These seven "ones" represent God's Divine Sevenfold Plan of Unity ... One Body; One Spirit; One Hope; One Lord; One Faith; One Baptism; and One God.

Now most believers will agree that the ONE GOD is the Father; the ONE LORD is Jesus the Christ; the ONE SPIRIT is the Holy Spirit; and the ONE HOPE is our hope of Eternal Life through Jesus.

Believers should also agree concerning the other three "ones" ... the ONE FAITH, the ONE BODY and the ONE BAPTISM!

4. GOD HAS ONE FAITH

The Bible says there is One Faith (Eph. 4:5; Jude 3). Above we have named more than 25 "different" faiths. We know they are all different because you cannot become one by obeying the teachings of another.

We also know how to obtain any of the above faiths ... simply attend their worship service, hear what they teach and obey what they teach!

You become a Baptist by attending a Baptist Church and hearing and obeying the Baptist word (whatever they teach). You become a Catholic by attending a Catholic Church and hearing and obeying the Catholic word (whatever they teach) etc.

Even though they all CLAIM to teach the Bible, you cannot become a Baptist by attending the Catholic Church or a Lutheran by attending the Methodist Church. WHY NOT? Because the Catholics do not teach the same thing that the Baptists teach. Neither do the Lutherans teach the same thing that the Methodists teach, etc.

The Bible, however, does not teach believers to be different (1 Cor. 1:10; 2 Cor. 13:11). God wants all who believe that Jesus is the Son of God to be one (John 17:20-21; 20:30-31). Therefore, God wills to "gather together in one all things in Christ" (Eph. 1:10).

Well, someone will ask, "how do you obtain God's One Faith?" The Bible says, "faith comes by hearing ... the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). Since the Bible is the only written Word of God, we must study our Bible, hear and believe what is written, and obey what it teaches (2 Tim. 2:15; John 6:44-45; Matt. 7:21).

If you have not heard (studied and obeyed) God's Word you do not have God's ONE faith, and you are NOT pleasing to HIM (Heb. 11:6).

5. SATAN HAS MANY FAITHS!

The question can now be asked, "Since most denominations claim to teach the Bible, why do we have so many faiths?" Well, the Holy Spirit said in 1 Tim. 4:1 that some would depart or leave "the faith," i.e., the faith that comes by hearing and obeying the Word (John 8:32-36; Heb. 5:8-9).

After departing from the Word of God they would begin listening to and obeying (giving heed to) doctrines or teachings of devils. These hypocritical doctrines would be teaching lies because the conscience of those who advocate them are seared as with a hot iron (1 Tim. 4:2).

Unfortunately, many believers and some of their leaders (Reverends, Fathers, etc.) are blind to the fact they are following creeds and commandments of men (Matt. 15:8-9; Acts 17:23). Being raised from birth in a particular denomination they take for granted that their "church" was built by the Lord ... when in fact they are following a man-made organization which one day will be rooted up (Matt. 15:13-14).

The following books from some of the more noted denominational faiths contain their false "doctrines" or teachings:

The Christian Scientist believers follow the "Manual of the Mother Church" and "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy.

The Baptist believers follow "Pendleton's Manual, and the "Standard Manual for Baptist Churches" by Edward T. Hiscox.

The Presbyterian believers follow the "Westminster Confession of Faith", and the "Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the United States" (containing the confession of faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechism).

The Mormon believers follow the "Book of Mormon, the Articles of Faith, the Doctrine and Covenants, the Pearl of Great Price, etc."

The Catholic believers follow the "Catholic Doctrinal Guide" and a "Catechism of Christian Doctrine" (revised edition of Baltimore Catechism).

The Methodist Episcopal believers follow the "Doctrine of Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

The Jehovah Witness believers follow "Studies in the Scriptures" Volumes 1-6 by Charles T. Russell, the "Truth That Leads To Eternal Life, Millions Now Living Shall Never Die, Let God Be True, etc."

FRIENDS, the above books were written by men, and they teach the "doctrines of devils" (1 Tim. 4:1). WE MUST OBEY GOD RATHER THAN MEN, for "there is a way which seems right unto a man, but the end thereof is the way of death" (Acts 5:29; Prov. 14:12).

6. SATAN HAS MANY DOCTRINES

Now in all honesty and sincerity, let us compare a few specific examples of the "doctrines" of Satan with what the Bible (God) says...

Satan says: The name by which we are called does not matter. God says: Acts 4:12; 1 Pet. 4:16.

Satan says: Mechanical instrumental music should be used in worship to God. God says: Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 13:15.

Satan says: Believers are saved by faith only (without receiving water baptism). God says: Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 15:1-2; Eph. 2:8; Rom. 10:9-10; Luke 13:3; Mark 16:16; 1 John 1:7; Jam. 1:21; Matt. 7:21; 1 Pet. 3:21.

Satan says: The "pastor" is normally the preacher or evangelist. God says: Acts 20:17, 28; 1 Pet. 5:1-2; Eph. 4:11.

Satan says: The preacher should be called Reverend, Rabbi, Master, or Father. God says: Matt. 23:7-10; Ps. 111:9 KJV.

Satan says: A man (or woman) can be the founder and head of the church. God says: Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:22; Eph. 5:23.

Satan says: You cannot get to God unless you believe and obey this man, i.e., the Pope, Joseph Smith, Jr etc. God says: John 14:6; 1 Tim. 2:5.

Satan says: The "alternate lifestyle" (homosexuality) is pleasing to God. God says: Rom. 1:18-32; Matt. 19:4-5; 1 Cor. 7:2; 1 Cor. 6:9-11 NASB.

Satan says: You must abstain from eating meats or certain foods. God says: Rom. 14:1-2; 1 Tim. 4:3-6; 1 Cor. 8:8.

Satan says: God allows women to usurp authority over the man and become pulpit preachers. God says: 1 Cor. 14:34-35; 1 Tim. 2:11-14; Tit. 2:15.

Satan says: Baptism can be by sprinkling or pouring water. God says: Eph. 4:5; Col. 2:12; Rom. 6:4.

Satan says: Original sin is inherited from Adam. God says: Gen. 8:21; Ez. 18:20; Ez. 28:15; Rom. 5:12; Matt. 19:14; Jam. 1:13-15.

Satan says: The Kingdom of God or church has not come. God says: Mark 9:1; Matt. 16:18-19; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-4, 38-41, 47; Col. 1:13; Heb. 12:23-28.

Satan says: You should join the church of your choice or the church that pleases you. God says: Acts 2:47; Matt. 16:18; 1 Cor. 12:13; Rom. 15:3.

Satan says: Holy Spirit baptism is for today. God says: Eph. 4:5; Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 8:35-39.

Satan says: Miraculous healing and speaking in tongues are for today. God says: 1 Cor. 13:8-10; Jam. 1:25; Ps. 19:7.

Satan says: Man does not have a soul. God says: Matt. 10:28; 1 Kings 17:21-24; Luke 21:19; 1 Thess. 5:23; Jam. 1:21.

Satan says: Once saved you cannot fall from grace. God says: Matt. 13:41; Gal. 5:4; 1 Cor. 10:12; 2 Pet. 1:5-11; Heb. 3:12; John 15:2; Rom. 11:20; Luke 8:13.

Satan says: The preacher or "Father" cannot marry. God says: 1 Tim. 4:3; 1 Cor. 9:5; Heb. 13:4.

Satan says: The Law and Sabbath are still binding. God says: 2 Cor. 3:4-14; Col. 2:13-17.

Satan says: A deacon or elder can be a young unmarried boy or teenager. God says: Tit. 1:5-9; 1 Tim. 3:1-13.

Satan says: The Bible is not complete, or parts have been lost. God says: Matt. 24:35; Acts 20:27; 2 Pet. 1:3; Isa. 40:8.

Satan says: Water should be used for the Communion. God says: Luke 22:17-18; Mark 14:23-25.

Satan says: Jesus and the Holy Spirit are not deity. God says: Matt. 1:23; John 20:28; Acts 5:3-4; John 1:1, 2, 14.

Satan says: There is no hell. God says: Matt. 5:22, 29; Matt. 25:41, 46; Rev. 21:8.

Satan says: This earth will never be destroyed. God says: Matt. 24:35; 2 Pet. 3:10.

The apostle John said, "whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God..." (2 John 9). PLEASE carefully and prayerfully study the above scriptures in your Bible, and remember ... The Bible is Right!

"1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron" (1 Timothy 4:1-2). KJV

7. TEACHERS OF SATAN'S DOCTRINES!

Loved ones, let us look at the teachings of some of the more noted FALSE TEACHERS...

For centuries the Catholic faith taught that you could not eat meat on Fridays. Their priest and nuns still are not normally allowed to marry. They call their preacher Reverend and Father. The Pope is the president or head of their church.

Catholics believe children are born with "original sin" (Adam's sin). They sprinkle or pour water on infants for baptism (christening); however, the Bible says baptism is a total immersion in water for believers who have repented and understood what they have been taught (Matt. 28:19; Rom. 6:4; John 6:44-45).

The Jehovah Witness faith instructs that men do not have a soul. They deny the deity of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. They say there is no Hell, and this earth will never be destroyed.

The Mormon faith teaches that water instead of the fruit of the vine should be used during the Lord's Supper. They ordain young unmarried boys as elders and deacons. They believe the Bible is not complete, therefore, they say the Book of Mormon is a second witness equal to and better than the Bible.

The 7th Day Adventist faith teaches that the Sabbath and the Law of Moses are binding on Christians.

The Baptist faith teaches that you are saved as soon as you believe, and "Once Saved" you are "Always Saved."

The Pentecostal faith believes they can receive Holy Spirit baptism. They also pretend to heal miraculously and speak in tongues (2 Thess. 2:9).

Practically all of the denominational churches are called by human names, use mechanical instruments during worship, and call their preacher "pastor," Father, or "Reverend."

Many of the man-made faiths are now ordaining women as preachers and like the Baptist faith, are instructing that men are saved as soon as they believe and accept Christ into their heart (before water baptism).

My friends, the above "doctrines of the devil" are not all inclusive, however these should suffice to cause you to investigate and turn away from the false teachings of your faith (1 John 4:1; Jam. 2:10; 1 Thess. 5:21). Please do not harden your heart, for soon "every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Rom. 14:12).

8. GOD HAS ONE BODY!

The Bible says there is One Body (1 Cor. 12:12, 20, 27; Eph. 4:4)! Whose or what body is it? The Holy Spirit speaking through the Apostle Paul in Eph. 1:22-23 said that Christ is the head of the church, which is His Body.

The church is the body of Christ! There is only One body, therefore, there is only One church ... the church of Christ (the body of Christ). Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build My church" (Matt. 16:18). Jesus did not say, "My churches."

History proves that all denominational churches were built and named by man. However, most denominations claim they teach and follow the Bible! Well, my loved ones, that just cannot be true. The fact is, denominational doctrines teach you how to follow that particular faith ... rather it be Methodist, Lutheran, Nazarene or whatever ... they all teach you how to follow their particular faith.

With love we are saying, if you are a member of a man-made church, you are following the doctrines and commandments of men, and you are worshipping God in vain (Matt. 15:8-9). The Psalmist said, "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain" (Ps. 127:1).

Loved ones, Jesus built only one church ... His church ... His body (Col. 1:24). Jesus is Head of only one church (Eph. 1:22). Jesus has first place in only one church (Col. 1:18). Jesus purchased with His Blood only one church (Acts 20:28). Jesus adds the saved to only one church (Acts 2:47; 1 Cor. 12:13; Mark 16:16). Jesus will return soon for only one Church ... the church of Christ (Acts 1:11; 2 Thess. 1:7-10; Eph. 5:23).

9. GOD HAS ONE BAPTISM!

The question should now be asked, "What must I do to be added to the body of Christ, or WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?" (Acts 16:30). Well, the Bible says there is "One baptism" (Eph. 4:5).

Jesus commanded His disciples to go and teach all the world the Gospel or good news of His death, burial and resurrection for our sins (Mark 16:15-16; 1 Cor. 15:1-4). Jesus said to teach them, baptize them and keeping on teaching them ... everything that He has commanded (Matt. 28:19-20).

The One baptism must then be something man administers! Man cannot baptize you with the Holy Spirit or with fire (both of which were given as a promise, NOT as a command (Matt. 3:11; Luke 24:49). Man can only baptize with water! Therefore, the ONE baptism spoken of in Eph. 4:5 is water baptism.

In keeping with the Lord's command, Philip baptized the Eunuch with water (Acts 8:35-39), and Peter commanded the household of Cornelius to be baptized with water (Acts 10:47-48). You too must be immersed in water to be born again ... saved from your past sins (John 3:5; 1 Pet. 3:21).

My friends, the blood of Jesus frees us from sin (Rev. 1:5), and Jesus shed His blood in His death (John 19:34). But how do we get into the death of Jesus so that the merits of His shed blood might be ours? The Bible says we are baptized into the death of Jesus (Rom. 6:3-4). We are buried with Christ by baptism into death.

Therefore, the One baptism is a burial or total immersion in water (Col. 2:12). You have not been baptized if you were only sprinkled with water while an infant, or had a little water poured on your head. A person must be totally immersed (buried) under the water to please God and be saved by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8-10; Heb. 11:6).

10. BAPTISM PUTS US INTO CHRIST!

The One Baptism puts you into Christ (Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:3). Notice the powerful thought contained in Rom. 3:24: "Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." In Christ

we are redeemed (Rom. 3:24); saints (Phil. 4:21); new creatures (2 Cor. 5:17); fellow workers (Rom. 16:3-9); one body ... not 300 different denominational bodies (Rom. 12:5).

In Christ we have SALVATION (2 Tim. 2:10), all Spiritual Blessings (Eph. 1:3) and the Love of God (Rom. 8:38,39). The Bible says we get into Christ by God's doing (1 Cor. 1:30 NAS; John 6:44-45, 65) or by God's grace (Eph. 2:5).

And my friends, God's grace teaches us (Tit. 2:11-12). We are taught to: believe in Jesus (John 3:16; John 8:24); love and obey Jesus (John 4:15); repent of our sins (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3); confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (Matt 10:32-33; Rom. 10:9-10; 1 John 2:23); be immersed (buried, baptized) into Christ (Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:27; Col. 2:12) ... where salvation is at (2 Tim. 2:10).

But what else does the Bible say about the One baptism? Baptism is God's plan for man's new birth (John 3:3-5). Baptism washes away our sins by the blood of Jesus (Acts 22:16; Matt. 26:28). Baptism saves us NOW (1 Pet. 3:20-21; Mark 16:16). Baptism puts us into the One body, the church (1 Cor. 12:13; Acts 2:47).

Loved ones, we receive the promise of Eternal Life - the gift of the Holy Spirit - when we are immersed in water, after having repented of our sins and confessed our belief that Jesus is the Son of God (Acts 2:38; Rom. 8:11; Acts 17:30; Matt. 10:32-33). We arise from that watery grave IN CHRIST ... a new creature ... a Christian ... a child of God (Rom. 6:5-7; Gal. 3:26-27).

11. CONCLUSION!

For believers to be one we must teach, believe and obey only the Bible, and we must get into Christ by being baptized into him.

In the days of the great flood, God used only one Ark to save the people ... all who were saved were in that one Ark (1 Pet. 3:20; Gen. 6).

When the Israelites crossed the Jordan and fought against the walled city of Jericho, God used only one House to save Rahab's family ... all who were saved were in that one House (Joshua 2:12-14; 6:25).

Today, if you desire to have eternal life; to be saved from the wrath of God to come; to escape the burning fires of hell; then you must get into God's spiritual Ark ... the House of the Lord (Heb. 3:2-6) ... the church of Christ (Rom. 16:16).

The churches of Christ are a fellowship of Christians who believe the Bible to be God's communication to man (2 Tim. 3:16-17), and therefore have responded to its teachings (Luke 24:46-47; Acts 2:38).

We acknowledge Jesus as the only head (ruler, monarch, president, sovereign) of the church (Eph. 5:23; Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22-23; Matt. 23:7-10). We are organized according to the Biblical example (Phil. 1:1), and we worship God according to Biblical instructions (John 4:22-24).

Because we are Christians, we study the word diligently (2 Tim. 2:15); grow spiritually (Phil. 1:9); pray always (1 Thess. 5:17; Luke 18:1); assemble with the saints (other Christians) whenever possible (Heb. 10:25); sing and make melody in our hearts (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16); partake of the Lord's Supper every Sunday (Acts. 20:7, Matt. 26:26-29); cheerfully give as we purpose in our heart (2 Cor. 9:6-8); become living sacrifices to God (Rom. 12:1-2); continue in good works (Gal. 6:9-10; 2 Tim. 3:17); and are faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10).

Our plea is that all mankind might become "fellow heirs of the same body" (Eph. 3:6), according to the eternal purpose of God which he purposed in Christ (Eph. 3:11). We pray that you will choose the truth of God's word as you work out your salvation with fear and trembling (Phil. 2:12).

Please visit a congregation of the church of Christ at your next opportunity and remember, you can be "JUST A CHRISTIAN!" The God of Heaven and Earth is so good. We love you all so much. Samuel (Gal. 4:16).

[For further study, go to <http://www.trustingodamerica.com/FiveStepsCov.htm>]

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