

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 Rizer 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

May 31, 2026

Songs: Chris Frantz

Lord's Supper: Tony Smith

Speaker: Melvin Monroe

Wednesday Bible Study

Invitation: Melvin Monroe

Birthdays:

01 Stacy Appelhans

15 Debbie Hall

Prayer List:

Gen Stanley Jean Adkins

Nora Wiseman Mack Stanley

Tina Smith Heidi Holub

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 INNOCENT FOR THE GUILTY by Michael R. Baggett

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit." (1 Peter 3:18 NKJV).

Jesus never sinned ---ever! Why did Jesus have to die? Because of our sins (Isaiah 53:6). Jesus took the punishment for our sins upon Himself because we could not deliver ourselves from the penalty of our own sins (2 Corinthians 5:21). What Jesus did is the ultimate expression of love! Jesus was completely innocent of all the charges brought against Him at His trial. In fact, one who tried Jesus, one crucified with Jesus, and even some who participated in crucifying Jesus confessed His innocence.

Pilate

Did you know Pilate the Governor declared Jesus' innocence at His trial? At least seven times Pilate declares Jesus' innocence before the Jews (Luke 23:4; 6-15; Matthew 27:24; John 19:4, 6). Pilate is made aware of Jesus' claim to be the Son of God. John 19:8 tells us, "When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid." After questioning Jesus again, "Pilate sought to release Him" (John 19:9-12). Could it be possible that perhaps Pilate, on some level, believed Jesus could be the

Son of God? Do you know what else stands out to me? It is how Pilate replies to the Jewish officials who correct him for hanging the accusation on Jesus' cross in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin that reads, "Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews" (John 19:19-20). The chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "...Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews." Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." (John 19:20-22). While Pilate refused to change the accusation on the sign over Jesus' head on the cross and has declared Jesus' innocence 7 times, Pilate lacked the moral courage to free Him. He cared more for his political popularity than for Jesus and justice. In the end, he caved in to the demands of the Jews and had Jesus crucified! Pilate did this even though he makes it clear that he believes Jesus is innocent. Washing his hands before the Jews, Herod announces, "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person: see you to it" (Matthew 27:24).

The Penitent Thief

As the suffering on the cross begins, the crowd, and the two robbers crucified next to Jesus, hurl insults at Jesus. They challenge Jesus saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God...if thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself" (Luke 23:35-37).

Jesus' first words from the cross are, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). I am certain these words made an impression on all who heard them.

Did you know one of the robbers crucified with Jesus later that day declares Jesus' innocence? While one criminal continues to insult Jesus by insisting that Jesus save Himself and them; the other thief rebukes him saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we received the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong" (Luke 23:40-41). Nor only does this man proclaim Jesus as innocent, he asks Jesus to remember him when He comes in His kingdom (Luke 23:42). Jesus assures this man facing death, "Today you will be with Me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43). Look what an innocent Jesus did for a guilty man! That guilty man becomes a forgiven man.

The Centurion and his Soldiers

From noon until around 3:00 P.M. the land grows dark where Jesus is dying on the cross. It must have been very frightening to some onlookers. Imagine the thoughts racing through the minds of those who have beaten and crucified Jesus! How about Pilate? When Jesus cried out with a loud voice and yields up His spirit to God, the Bible says:

"Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks split" (Matthew 27: 50-51). It also says, ... "The graves were opened, and many of the bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the graves after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many" (Matthew 27:52-53). Now, that would be an experience to tell your grandchildren!

The Bible says that "When the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, 'Truly this was the Son of God!'" (Matthew 27:54). Luke 23:47 adds, he "...glorified God, saying, 'Certainly this was a righteous Man!'"

What about you?

How does it make you feel knowing that God loved you enough to send His Only Begotten Son Jesus to die in your place? Jesus is the innocent one who stepped forward to take your punishment for sins you committed so you would not have to die in your sins and burn in hell.

The big question: What are you going to do about your sins? The promise of eternal life is offered to you because Christ has been crucified for your sins and has risen from the grave for your justification -- the righteous for the unrighteous. The sinner must believe in Jesus and what He has done, turn away from sinning, confess faith in Jesus and be baptized for remission of sins (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:38; 8:37). The invitation stands until you pass away or Jesus returns. Today is the day of salvation. Your questions are invited.