

Welcome

The Chardon church of Christ welcomes you to every service and to a full investigation of what we teach, in the light of the Scriptures. At Chardon we read from the King James Version of the Bible.

The church of Christ occupies a unique place in the religious world. It is no part of Judaism, Catholicism, or Protestant Denominationalism. It is as distinct from these religions as they are from each other. Its plea for a return to the Bible has made it appealing to those who long for spirituality and simplicity of the church as revealed in the Bible.

We preach the same gospel and teach the same plan of salvation based upon the grace of God as taught by the apostles. Rom. 1:16.

This plan includes: **Faith** in Christ; Mk.16:16; **Repentance** of sins; Acts 2:38; **Confession** of faith in Christ; Matt. 10:32; **Baptism**; (This baptism is a burial in water of a penitent believer to wash away his sins.) Eph. 4:5.

Our worship is according to the New Testament pattern. Jn. 4:23-24. Services consist of: **Singing** without the use of man-made instruments of mu-

sic; Eph. 5:19; **Praying** to God; Acts 2:42. Observing the **Lord's Supper** each first day of the week; Acts 20:7; **Giving** by members of the congregation; 1 Cor. 16:1-2; **Teaching** of God's Word; Acts 2:42.

Calendar

- Dec. 4—Bible Study 10 am
Dec. 4—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker: Tom am; Ray pm
Dec. 7—Bible Study canceled for the winter
Dec. 9—b. Megan
Dec. 9—b. Richard
Dec. 11—Bible Study 10 am
Dec. 11—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker: Larry am; Ray pm
Dec. 14—Bible Study canceled for the winter
Dec. 18—Bible Study 10 am
Dec. 18—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker: Larry am; Ray pm

Answer to the Puzzle:

Hidden Phrase: I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me

Some are willing to do anything to become Christians, except give up their sins.

Church of Christ

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Schedule of Services:

Worship Services
Sunday: 11:00 a.m.
and 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study
Sunday: 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

Chardon Church of Christ

Church Bulletin

Sunday

December 4, 2016

Saved

By Joe Slater

Sometimes talking about being saved makes people uncomfortable, which, in turn, makes us hesitant to talk about it. Some folks think it is arrogant to say, "I am saved." Let's see if we can clear the air a bit.

First, saying "I am saved" acknowledges my need to be saved. Suppose I was among those snatched from the sea by the crew of a rescue ship. By saying, "I am saved," I would be admitting that I had been in the sea, in danger of drowning, freezing, or being eaten by sharks. So it is in spiritual matters. The name "Jesus" was given to the Savior because "He will save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). In essence, then, when I say, "I am saved," I am admitting that I was lost because of my own sinfulness. By what logic is that arrogance?

Second, saying "I am saved" acknowledges that I couldn't do it myself. If I, by myself, could have a right relationship with God, then I would not need to be saved. As Paul wrote, "If righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain" (Galatians 2:21). In the sense that we comply with the terms of pardon God has revealed in His word, we "save ourselves" (Acts 2:40 KJV; see also 1 Timothy 4:16). But in no sense do we earn or merit anything from God. It certainly is not arrogant to acknowledge that I was lost in sin and could not remedy the situation myself.

That leads to the third and final point. Saying, "I am saved" does not imply that "I am better than you." Being "saved" says nothing whatever about how good someone is. If I say I was saved from drowning, am I claiming to be a better swimmer than others in the sea? Hardly! I might be the poorest swimmer of all. Just imagine someone angrily shouting, "How dare you claim to be saved while you claim that other fellow is drowning! He's ten times better at swimming than you are! If you are saved, then surely he is saved also!"

I might try to explain that being a good swimmer won't save you – being saved depends on whether you get into the rescue ship. No matter how good a swimmer you are, you'll drown if you don't get into the ship! Likewise, salvation from sin is not based on how "good" you are. Yes, God requires that we repent, obey, and live faithful lives. But in the final analysis, all of us are imperfect. Our salvation depends on being in the right relationship with Christ. Thus, it is not arrogant to say, "I am saved."

Joe Slater serves as minister of the Church of Christ in Justin, TX

Sunday Worship Services, Dec. 4, 2016

Greetings and Announcements Tom
 Song Leader Myron
 Hymn How Great Thou Art—1A
 Opening Prayer(Please Stand). Ray
 Hymn Into Our Hands—90
 Scripture Reading (Galatians 2:11-21) Ryan
 Hymn The Breaking of Bread—289
 Lord's Supper. Larry & Ron
 Hymn Love Lifted Me—261
 Sermon (AM). Tom
 Invitational Hymn (Please Stand) Free Waters—593
 Hymn Be With Me, Lord—27
 Closing Prayer.(Please Stand) Mark

Prayer List

*Pat was not feeling well this past week.

*Mark had fluid build up on his knee that had to be removed.

*Nina's sister-in-law, Frances, is at home recovering from surgery.

*Juanita's son Ron and daughter Debbie.

*Dale, his cousin Cartrell, his mother, his Aunt Mary and his cousin Reginald.

*David, Doreen and their family.

*Ruth (arthritis), and her brothers George and John.

*Ron & Pat, their great-grandson Bryan, and Ron's brother Gerald.

*Rebecca, her son Steven, and other members of her family.

*Our Congregation and Our Nation.

*Our Veterans and their families.

Things to Remember Chardon Website:

Chardonchurchofchrist.org

Business Meeting is held the 1st Sunday of each month following morning worship.

Potluck Luncheon is held the 2nd Sunday of each month following morning worship.

The link to **Gospel Broadcasting Network** is www.gbntv.org.

Church of Christ Radio can be listened to at 880 WRFD.

Information for the bulletin should be sent before Friday of each week. Call Mark or Nina or use e-mail address: Church_of_Christ@roadrunner.com

No Return to the Law

Galatians 2:11-21

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JUSTIFIED	KNOWING	LIKELIKE	LIVEST
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