

# Good News From Chardon

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## Material Goods

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I was talking to a Christian a few years ago about his commitment to God. He said he didn't go to worship services much because God had "touched him." He stated that he takes his granddaughter to services, but he had not been in three weeks. He was raised in the church; however, church wasn't what he expected. So, I asked him what did he expect? What do you expect from God?

Some expect God to put a stamp of approval on their lifestyle and accept them without any change on their part. Perhaps this group would say everyone is going to heaven, just by different routes. Yet, God commands all men everywhere to repent (Acts 17:30, 31). Some get upset when someone tells them what they must do to be saved. Others object if they are asked to prove anything about the religion they profess. Yet the Bible tells us we should be able to give an answer for what we believe (1 Pet. 3:15). So, again the question is: What do they expect from God?

Perhaps some men think too little about God's perspective and too much about their own. Remember, God doesn't think like man does (Is. 55:8, 9). Man lives in a physical world. Often what he expects in the physical, he expects in the spiritual. When excitement, entertainment, and pleasure are the name of the game in the physical, some expect these in the spiritual realm as well. They may think that any church that doesn't provide one of those is not meeting their expectations.

Sometimes man thinks God's ways are unfair (Ezek. 18:25). Yet, who is it that sets the standard of fairness? Is it not God? Whatever God does is fair and just; therefore, it is man's way that are not fair (Ezek. 33:17).

Some may expect God to do what man is supposed to do. God cannot save a person who does not want to be saved. God cannot change His law of pardon to save someone who has not obeyed Him. We must obey from the heart the doctrine of God (Rom. 6:17).

When the rich man was in torment in Luke 16, he wanted someone to go to his brothers on earth. The answer given to him was "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them" (Luke 16:30). Those who would be saved had to do what God wanted. They had to follow the revealed will of God as written by Moses and the prophets. Anything else was not acceptable. Today, we must follow what Christ says (Jn. 12:48). We cannot expect God to do for us what we must do. We have to work at obtaining the knowledge we need. It takes study on our part (Acts 17:11). We must receive it and make it part of us (James 1:12). We must obey the gospel that God has given us and heaven will be home one day (Rom. 10:16,17; 2 Thess. 1:8). The will of God for salvation has been revealed to us (2 Pet. 1:3; 2 Tim. 3:16,17).

We can know what God expects of us. Let us strive to do what God expects, and always have a good conscience toward Him (Acts 24:16).



### Schedule of Services:

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader: Dale

Opening Hymn:

**77—Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah**

Opening Prayer: Ray  
Hymn:

**346—Hold to God's Unchanging Hand**

Scripture Reading: Ryan  
Romans 6:15-23

Hymn:

**297—When My Love To Christ Grows Weak**

Lord's Supper: Larry  
Hymn:

**261—Love Lifted Me**

Sermon: Tom

Invitation Hymn:

**607—All Things Are Ready**

Closing Hymn:

**355—Heaven Holds All To Me**

Closing Prayer: Tom

**PRAYER LIST**

- \*Bonnie and her family .
- \*Margaret and Albert.
- \*Wanda and her family.
- \*Kathy and her friends.
- \*Zarna’s family and friends
- \*Larry and Ruth.
- \*Pat and Ron and their family.
- \*Juanita’s sister Betty and the rest of her family.
- \*Mary and her family.
- \*Robert and Sara and their children.
- \*Ray and Barbara and their family
- \*Dale and his family.
- \*Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.
- \*Myron & Carole and their family.
- \*Mark and his family .
- \*Our congregation
- \*Our Veterans
- \*Our nation and the world



**CALENDAR**

- May 23—Worship 11 am.  
Speaker: Tom
- May 23—Bible Study 6pm  
on-line with  
Dale
- May 25—(b.) Rosemary
- May 30—Worship 11 am.  
Speaker: Mark
- May 30—Bible Study 6pm  
on-line with  
Dale
- Jun. 5—(b.) Ryan
- June 6—Worship 11 am.  
Speaker: Mark
- June 6—Bible Study 6pm  
on-line with

# Slaves to Sin

Romans 6:15-23

Became	Certainly	Death
Flesh	grace	having
Holiness	human	lawlessness
Leading	members	obedience
Presented	righteousness	slaves
Speak	terms	uncleanness
Under	weakness	whether
yourselves		

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**Everything is funny as long as it is hap-  
 pening to somebody else. (Will Rogers).**



Answer to Puzzle: But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered

SUNDAY: Worship — 11:00 am; Bible Study — 6:00 pm (on Zoom)  
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