

Mount Lebanon Church

Sunday, 3.22.2020

Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you have run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the bible study.

Gods Eternal Plan

John 16: 25 – 33

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Today we would like to talk about Gods eternal plan, and how it relates to us as believers, the church.

The word of God, through the leadership of the Holy Spirit tries to open our spiritual eyes to what God is doing with the church.

Even among a lot of Christians the church is viewed as something that is good, but it is not always viewed as something that is necessary in our lives.

When we speak of the church we are speaking of those who have salvation, the Body of Christ.

It seems as though, at times, even to the believer it is really not that important in Gods overall eternal plan, and to the world, the church has even less importance.

John 16: 25 – 33

In the world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

What matters to God, is the church, that is where his focus lies.

John 3:16, 17 – For God so loved the world.... For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world....

Ephesians 5:25 - Christ compared his love to a husband and a wife. (How he sees a husband and wife's love, not how the world sees it.)

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her.

Gods eternal purpose centers on Christ, the cross, and the church.

We will only understand the things happening in the world around us, when we begin to see Gods vision and eternal purpose for the church and live accordingly.

Gods eternal purpose is to perfect all things through Christ.

Gods purpose is to make known his wisdom and power not only to the church, but also to the world. God , will, at times permit a fall to demonstrate his wisdom and glory in a way as to keep his eternal plan and purpose on track. His wisdom, his love, his justice, is sometimes displayed in such a way that would have otherwise been overlooked if he had not done anything to get the attention of mankind.

Romans 8: 18 – 25, For I consider that the sufferings of this time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

God works all things together for our good, using even trials to conform us to the image of Christ. We should not become discouraged even in persecution. We should remember, we as Christians are at the center of Gods eternal purpose. Our goodness and his glory are included in this purpose. The greatness of the church and Gods eternal purpose is worth the hardships of the suffering that must be endured from time to time.

Many Christians, do not wholly commit themselves to Gods eternal plan. They are too focused on themselves and do not understand Gods goals. The church is the center of how God wants to change the world. We should commit ourselves, and he will see us through, and help us to endure the hardships, so that we the church, become all that God wants it to be.

Lamentations 3: 22 – 26, Through the Lords mercies we are not consumed, because his compassion fails not....

In Gods eternal plan, he has his part, we have our part. God is looking for true repentance, but, when his mercy begins to run its course, then he will follow through with adversity to stir the soul to action. (There are many examples in Gods word.)

We must confess our sins, read and learn Gods word, witness, live Godly lives, abstain from evil.

2 Chronicles 7:14 – If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

God is looking for intercessors, his grace is still available, if we would like to see a lasting change take place, even though worldly desires have hindered our spiritual pursuits we must continue to communicate with God through the leadership of the Holy Spirit to complete the servitude that he has in store for us.

Luke 18: 6 – 8,when the son of man comes, will he really find faith on the earth ?

This question Christ asked was to challenge the church. So that we might respond in faith, through prayer and meditation in the word of God, to show the way of salvation to all.

Christ loves the church, and wants to do everything possible to get it ready for his coming. Gods plan will come together.

Is it worth It ?

Keep praying, keep meditating on his word, keep believing.
all.

It is and will be worth it

Scripture to help calm anxiety.

There are many scriptures in the bible to help with trials, tribulations and hardships in our lives, these are just a few to get started with: **John 15:11** – These things have I spoken to you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might remain full.

Deuteronomy 31: 8,9 – The Lord himself goes before you, he will never leave you, nor forsake you. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged..... So Moses wrote down this law.

Joshua 1: 9,10 - Have I not commanded you, be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord will be with you wherever you go.

Psalms 23:4 – Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and your staff they comfort me.

Psalms 27:1 – The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear. The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid.

Psalms 119: 76 – May your unfailing love be my comfort, according to your promise to your servant.

Proverbs 3: 5, 6 – Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding, In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths.

1 Peter 3: 13 – 17 – And who is he that will harm you, if you become followers of what is good....

Matthew 11:28 – 30 – Come un to me all you who labor and our heavy laden.....

Romans 8: 37 – 39 – Yet in all things we are more than conquerors....

Isaiah 40: 31 - -They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength....

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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