

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Sermon

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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 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 study of Gods word.

Conducting Oneself Christlike

## **Romans 12: 9 – 13**

How should we respond to Gods mercy toward us ? How should we as Christians lead our everyday lives ? We know that we should love one another, but it must be genuine and sincere. We must find ways to express Gods love meaningfully, to see the world through Gods perspective.

The difference between Gods people and the world is the ability to love, a love that comes solely from God. Our capacity to love is more than just a natural response to emotion or feelings. It is a love generated through and by the indwelling Holy Spirit, given to us by salvation.

## **Romans 12: 9 – 13**

Let love be without deception.

This is talking about a worldly love, based on emotion and feeling, that can only be controlled through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. When we do not allow the Holy Spirit to guide us in controlling our emotions and feelings, this worldly deception blocks us from seeing the reality of our salvation and what we believe to be real is only in our imagination. Our relationship with Christ allows us to see ourselves for who we truly are.

## **Galations 5: 16, 17** – Walk in the spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Walking in the spirit is living our life in the continual presence of the spirit of God. Christ is foremost in our affections, it is pursuing him with all our heart, as we abide in him and he in us, his spirit works in our lives and we are walking in him.

As believers we are called to live in the spirit, pray in the spirit, meditate on his word through the spirit. To do this means we are willing to submit to his will, and place our lives under his full control.

The spirit and the flesh work in opposition of each other and are totally incompatible with one another. Through the resurrected life of Christ, we are given the means to overcome the flesh, leave the old self crucified with Christ and solely submit ourselves to him through the Holy Spirit.

Despise what is evil, cling to what is good.

This comes through meditation of Gods word. We don't need to be an expert, we just need to believe the truths of his word, study these things, and respond to them in a way that God intends for us to.

We recognize there is evil, and that there is good. It always has been, it always will be. Good and evil does not change, but, we change. We fall into one of these categories daily, do to, what we desire or do not desire. To overcome, we must bring our emotions into subjection of the Holy Spirit, so that we despise the evil and cling to the good.

**1 Corinthians 3: 15 – 18,** ....never the less. When one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away....

This veil, which is a veil of blindness, a veil of unbelief, which restricts the way of salvation to Christ. We cannot remove this veil on our own, our sin stands in the way. The only way the veil can be removed is through Christ. When we come to God through Faith in Christ, we accept, that our sin debt has been paid by Christ, and accept, forgiveness through the remission of our sins. We are then able to look to the glory of God. The glory that is revealed only when the veil of unbelief is removed through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We must see Christ as he is, so that we may behold his glory, the glory brought to us as believers, through grace, and conforms our soul to his likeness.

Be kindly affectionate to one another.... Giving preference to one another....

This is what it means to live a self sacrificing Christian life. God, through salvation, adopts us into his family, therefore, as brothers and sisters in Christ we share a loyalty and a sense of belonging that goes beyond normal friendships.

Every person in Christ should feel deeply honored by each other, honoring one another, just as Christ honors us and the father.

**James 2: 1 – 9** .... Do not hold the faith of our Lord.... With partiality....

As believers ( Christians ) we should fully believe in God. Our trust in Christ should not change the way we see and think about others in our lives.

As Christians we ought to obey the word of God, not merely hear it. True believers trust in Christ, the Lord is capable of providing all that we need, at all times, his glory is eternal. We must remember – works are to faith, what breath is to the body – it is a sign that we are alive in Christ, in his love toward others.

### V.13 – Distributing to the needs of the saints....

Sharing our resources, comes from experiencing Gods mercy's, giving ourselves totally to him, living in a manner pleasing unto God. Gods mercy, Gods grace, is our motivation to surrender all to Christ. Christ grace was giving himself for us on the cross when we were spiritually helpless and destitute. Our generosity should glorify our generous God, who gave his son for us.

**2 Corinthians 8: 8 – 15**, .... Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor.... For if there is first a willing mind....

As Christians we should see the compassion of God that was passed down through Christ, to the saints, that our love might appear true, genuine, hearty, and real to others, to all men, as well as to the saints.

Although humans are selfish by nature, and this generosity of giving is speaking of monetary gifts as well as spiritual giving, as believers one of our gifts is to contribute to the needs of others as well as sharing the gift of discernment, wisdom, and knowledge of salvation for the maturing of salvation.

Allowing God to dispose and transpose our minds, so that we are willing to do or to give anything and everything for the furtherance of the gospel of Christ.

Giving of ourselves, spiritually to others, the work of our salvation means longing for Christ and letting him completely possess, rule, satisfy, and use us for his purpose.

We give ourselves to the Lord, then with the confidence from God and the confirmation that we belong to him, we give ourselves to those that Christ through the Holy Spirit directs us to.

To conduct oneself Christ like, we must possess and mature in his love.

Gods love is our anchor, it is the driving force behind everything that is good and faithful in our lives. It is important to understand that operating in love is part of being born again and walking by the spirit of God. By walking in fellowship with the Lord and renewing our minds in the truth of Gods word we will be able to see the spirit of God manifested within ourselves. Gods characteristics become our characteristics as we mature, and he continually changes our heart, to conduct ourselves more and more everyday to be Christlike.

Let us pray.

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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