

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.

Every Sinner – A Soul Worth Saving

Romans 9: 1 – 5

Why should we care about lost souls.

Because God does. – If God did not care about us we would still be a lost soul.

Do we have the passion for lost souls, or have we lost the passion that convicts us.

Is our desire as believers a lost desire or as believers do we recognize our responsibility for the lost.

As believers our greatest compassion should be to see lost souls saved.

When we look at people we should see them in 1 of 2 ways:

Those saved by trusting Christ.

Those lost because they rejected Christ.

Paul in the first part of:

Romans Chap. 9: 1 – 5

Paul gives us 3 things to think about concerning: Every Sinner is a soul worth saving.

- #1 The Truth of our salvation
- #2 The Passion within us.
- #3 The compassion that surrounds us.

V.1 – I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying.

- #1 The first thing we talk about is the truth of our salvation.

Paul here is answering the question: Do I have true passion for lost souls.

The passion comes from within, we must remember, that within all of us as believers, there is a struggle between the old nature and the new man in Christ. We know that the difference in our passion is: The Old Nature – The passion would be all about ourselves, The New Man In Christ – The passion would be all about the salvation of others.

We can all help bring someone to Christ, but first we must believe it ourselves. Sincerity of the heart is an endearing quality given to us through the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

When reaching out to others, our heart must be in it. We must feel the compassion of Christ for lost souls through ourselves.

We must be truthful with ourselves concerning the passion of salvation within us.

Our attitude toward the truth determines the outcome of our lives. If we love the truth, we embrace salvation.

Contrary to our thoughts. Due to trials, tribulations and temptations, it is possible for everyone to walk in the truth.

John 5:24

....He who hears my word and believes in him who sent me has everlasting life....

We as believers need to lead mankind to think beyond temporal things and focus on eternal things. The simple truth is Heaven and Hell – Life and Death.

Christ here speaks of spiritual life and spiritual death. Man cannot save himself and he cannot give himself spiritual life. Christ only has the power to give spiritual life, with all its benefits. It takes both knowledge of Christ and faith in Christ to accept salvation, through Gods enabling, by pitting our trust in him, as our savior, the Son of God. It is at that moment, our hope of eternal began, a life changing event. Sadly, very few of those who heard the words of Christ, and saw his signs, responded in faith and followed him. But, that did not stop Jesus from continuing to declare who he was, or explaining Gods plan of salvation to all that he came in contact with.

#2 The second thing we talk about is the passion within us.

V.2 – My conscience, bears me witness, in the Holy Spirit, that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart.

This is not worldly sorrow. The more we mature in Christ, the stronger the burden for the lost (Unsaved) around us, the less worldly sorrow we allow to affect our spiritual lives. As we maintain a close and intimate walk with the Lord, the depth of our love for mankind grows. This goes without saying, that as this happens we will be broken hearted for the lack of spiritual understanding we see in the world around us concerning the relationship of others with God.

It all starts with what is in our hearts.

Matthew 6: 21

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Do we treasure the eternal souls that are all around us. – Are they of great value to us.

Back up to **Matthew 6:19:**

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.

What we value is reflected in how we live. With Christ as our treasure, we devote our life to live for his glory and the salvation of others.

As Christians we put our treasure in the hands of God. Our hearts will be with him, our desires will be his desires which follow after heavenly things, our affections will be set on things above, our conversation will be heavenly, looking only and ever toward salvation. When Christ becomes the greatest treasure of our lives, then what he treasures most is what we will treasure most, to seek and save those which are lost. We will, without any doubt, pursue after righteousness, Godliness, faith, love, perseverance, gentleness, humbleness, compassion and kindness, which is our joy in the Lord. We then know for sure our heart is anchored in the rock of our salvation.

1 Corinthians 3: 8 – 11

...we are Gods fellow workers, you are Gods field, you are Gods building....

The treasure that we have to lay up first and foremost is ourselves, made possible by Christ and the Cross. Secondly, it is the fruits of our labor as Gods servants. Participating in the salvation of lost souls.

We must make available the treasure of salvation in our own heart to the hearts of the lost souls around us.

We do this as we mature in our relationship with Christ, by meditation in the word, through communication to God in prayer, by the leadership of the Holy Spirit, our hearts interact through the Love of Christ. Maturing in Christ means understanding that our salvation is much more than just our hope of eternal life with Christ. It goes far beyond our life and the promises of goodness, greatness, the joy and happiness that we experience here upon this earth. It grows into not only wanting to live and experience these things for ourselves, but rather knowing within ourselves, we would give up all for the salvation of others.

#3 **V.3** – The 3rd thing we talk about is The compassion that surrounds us.

The explanation of this part of the verse we can find in the book of John.

John 15: 12,13

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Greater Love hath no man than this, than to lay down ones life for his friends.

Paul had a great willingness to give his life for the sake of those he loves. A willingness that is greatly Christ like. Paul did not consider himself at all, but only others and the Glory of God.

How can we show lost souls the security of Gods love and salvation.

V.4 – To whom pertains: The adoption, the Glory, The covenants, The giving of the law, The service of God, The promises which come through Christ and the Cross.

To have success in winning souls to God we:

- A. Must have absolute assurance of our own salvation.
- B. Must be living a consistent Christian life.
- C. Must know and trust the enabling of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 16: 30 – 32

The Philippian jailer, when he brought Paul and Silas out of prison, said: Sirs, what must I do to be saved. Paul told him to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shall be saved, you and your household. Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him.

Opportunity must be given for a person to walk away from sin and be reconciled with Christ through salvation.

Every invitation should be given filled with instruction of salvation.

Romans 10: 9 – 13

Christ always gave an invitation with the expectation that those that hear will accept.

Not only does the sinner need faith to be saved. The believer needs to have faith that the sinner will accept.

Our invitation should be given with an expectant heart.

The word should appeal to the lost soul to be saved and for the saved to grow and mature.

We need a truthful, passionate and compassionate heart for the lost.

Our prayer should be that the world would know Christ in a personal way, not through rituals and religions, but to know him in a life changing way.

Our spirit bears witness with the Holy Spirit so that we may show God's incredible love to man and that all may know and understand the love of God that was set apart through Christ and the Cross.

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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