

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Adult Sunday School Lesson

4.26.2020

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 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.

The Chief Cornerstone

## Psalm 118: 14 – 29

Where do we find the truth, that is life, victory, and goodness. We find this in abundance through salvation that is supplied by the love of Christ and the Cross. All mankind needs desperately to experience the vastness of the love of God.

All of us need to be stirred up to give thanks to the Lord. Not just when we think times are good, but, because God is good. His lovingkindness is everlasting.

Even through difficult trials, the Lord is good, and his lovingkindness is everlasting.

**Roman 8: 35 – 39**, Who shall separate us from the love of God.... In all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us....

We all face times in our lives that test our faith, our commitment to God. Sadly enough, the two most important things we should be doing we quit doing, those are, making God our priority, and communicating with him.

The most important thing to remember when we find our faith slipping is that we have nothing but time, to improve our relationship with God.

God knows when we are struggling, if we ask, he will help us to get our life back on track.

**V.17** – I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

We are all only one heartbeat away from eternal life. Whether it is judgement, punishment, and torment in hell, or, joy and happiness in the glory of an almighty God which is a decision we must make. This makes salvation the greatest need for every person.

What is the result when God saves us. When we experience Gods salvation, he becomes our everything. And we give him all glory. As a result of his deliverance we become servants of his and began to tell others of the goodness of his salvation.

**Isaiah 8: 13 – 17**, Sanctify the Lord.... Let him be your fear.... Let him be your dread....

As Christians, daily we face stumbling blocks in our lives. They are divine ordinations, meaning, stumbling blocks that are placed in our lives, not to hurt us, but, to keep us from going down a pathway that is bleak and emotionally painful. His care, his compassion, his love, shows us that on our own we are incomplete, fallen, fragile, and easily broken. Thankfully, God does this for our own good, to help us to navigate the narrow pathway that we travel. We are thankful for a God who both wisely takes away, but also gives abundantly.

**V.19** – Open to me the gates of righteousness....

In order to put complete trust in Christ, we must continually search our hearts, and through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, put aside any sinfulness that we may be harboring within. We are able to do this by the word of God, that judges the thoughts and intentions of our hearts.

**Hebrews 4: 12 – 16**, For the word of God is living and powerful.... Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy....

If we do not see that salvation is our greatest need, than the Lord will allow us to experience desperate situations, so that we will cry out to him to save us. The world, as well as other Christians need to see our lives as being filled with prayer and praise, worshipping God, and showing that our love for him is greater than anything else in our lives.

The joy of the Lord is not dependent on our circumstances. Learning to choose the joy of our salvation in trials and tribulations takes effort on our part. It requires our hearts to be set on God. No matter what we face, we can believe in Gods goodness and love. Our lives are hidden with Christ in God. His grace, his mercy, his compassion, breathes life into our very being.

God will never leave us or forsake us. His love covers us and gives us strength to free every trial with courage and grace. We can rest assured in Gods truth.

**V.22** - The stone which the builders refused.....

**Matthew 21: 42 – 46**, ....Did you ever read in he scriptures. The stone which the builders rejected....

So often, we allow ourselves to become frustrated when we miss the leadership of God while trying to discern his will in making decisions in our life. This happens when we try to fit Gods will for us into our plan with out allowing Christ through the Hole Spirit to discern his will for us. Therefore we stumble on the stone that God provide for our salvation.

**Ephesians 2: 14 – 22**, For he himself is our peace.... For through him we have access to the father by one spirit....

Christ made it possible for us to have peace with God. So we, who could never come to God, can now be in a relationship with him. He became our sin debt so that through salvation, we are in him, and no longer hostile in our relationship with God, we have the power to build a healthy relationship with him and others.

Lesson Notes:

The primary emphasis of this Psalm is the Lords salvation. His spirit inspired words look forward to the one who would bring spiritual deliverance, which is salvation from sin. The stone that the Psalmist speaks of is the centerpiece of salvation.

Christ, rejected by the Jewish nation, yet though his resurrection, has been exalted and become the cornerstone of the church. The Psalm focuses on the response to a God who in his immeasurable strength, brings salvation, and gives us joy. Such a great God deserves our heartfelt worship in sacrifice.

Our strength comes from the living God. God uses humble people to achieve his purposes. When we consider what God has done, we should give thanks to him regularly, and serve him.

The world looks at Christ and finds that he does not meet their expectations. They reject him, and look for some other way of salvation. But, God made the stone, that is the very foundation of salvation. We are all given the choice to accept or reject Christ. We must trust Christ as our savior, build are life upon him, and have faith that he will hold our life firm and steady in his grace and love.

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 that God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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