

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

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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.

The Lowly King

Zechariah 9: 9 – 17

We have all experienced from time to time, looking for something but not being able to find it. We probably stared right at it, maybe even moved it around and still did not see it. This is due to having the wrong concept of what we are looking for. We missed it, because our mental picture of it was all wrong.

The people of Israel missed out on Christ at his first coming, not because they were not looking for him, but because they had the wrong concept of what they were looking for. They were looking for a mighty king, which is what they got, only he came in the image of a humble savior. They could not relate to one who came and suffered and died, who offered himself as a sacrifice for all mankind.

Today, many still miss Christ. Instead of looking to the one who endured the cross, was resurrected from the grave, and now sets at the right hand of the father to make intercession for us, (if we humble ourselves, and by faith confess him) he will give unto us his saving grace.

Mankind is looking for one who will grant their every desire, will instantly solve all their problems, and will allow them to live a healthy and prosperous life, with no expectations. This makes something that is very easy to except, (Salvation) very difficult to find. Man wants to live his own life with no boundaries or rule over it.

Zacharia in this passage of scripture shows us the true concept of Christ. By Gods word we need too understand, so we may find within ourselves that perfect mental picture of Jesus our Savior and Lord.

V.9 – Rejoice.... Thy King cometh unto thee.... He is just, having salvation.... Lowly and humble....

We start by looking at the first coming of Christ in this verse. Born through natural means, to a family with no material wealth. Like any other baby he was born helpless, vulnerable, powerless and dependent upon his mother and father to sustain life. Did he have any advantages, yes, the same advantages that are given to us from birth, God supervised and protected it all.

Christ birth and life, his humbleness, his lowly condition, is our example of Gods loving character and what we must do to approach and present ourselves to him.

1 Corinthians 1:26 – 31, For you see your calling, brethren.....

God calls all people, even when we see ourselves as just ordinary people. God sees all people equally with no partiality. I read once: The ground is level at the foot of the cross. We all start on the same level and that is through salvation. With God no one starts closer to the cross than another. No matter if we were standing right at the cross or a mile back, when we look up we see Jesus only, and we are right there with him.

Our strength is in the presence of Christ, not in our abilities, but in his power.

Our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption come through Christ and the cross. We receive them through salvation as a free gift.

V. 10 – 17he shall speak peace.... His dominion shall be from sea to sea.... By the blood of thy covenant.... Turn to the strong hold.... I will render double to thee.... The lord shall defend them.... The Lord their God shall save them in that day.... Great is his goodness.... Great is his beauty....

Christ second coming will bring peace to all. He will declare peace to the nations, every nation will desire his peace and come under his rule and live under his dominion. All will be set free from spiritual bondage and enjoy Gods spiritual freedom.

We believe that God hears us, and we should be eager to hear and listen to him. God word is power, it calms troubles spirits, he speaks and it is done.

We must know however, that not to everyone, does God speak to bring divine peace. Only to his people, those who have believed and excepted salvation will hear. Remember our God is a jealous God.

Heberews 12: 25 – 29,For our God is a consuming fire.

Why is he a jealous God.

God breathed into everyman the breath of life. His desire is that we would all yearn for his spirit to fulfill us. God does not want our spirit to be consumed by this world. He wants a relationship with us, so that he can instill his goodness within us to establish us and guide us to peace in life eternal.

We must remember, Satan is active as well. He also wants to get ahold of our spirit, to influence us to do his will. His desire is destroy us spiritually.

1 Peter 5:8 – Be sober, be vigilant.....the adversary the Devil.... Walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

The battle goes on within us, between the Holy Spirit, which is the perfect will of God and Satan who wants to exalt himself in our life and exclude God and his will. Instead of being occupied with our own interest and needs, turn to God and his good, and perfect, and eternal will.

Ephesians 2: 11 – 18,but now in Christ Jesus, you who were once a far off, have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

The only flesh and blood that can give salvation, is the flesh and blood of Christ. Christ brings peace by joining every Christian in to one single structure, the church. Not a church, the church, the body of Christ.

At one time we were apart from Christ, separated from God. Through salvation, which is faith in Jesus Christ, we have a new beginning. (.... Old things are passed away, behold, all things become new. **2 Corinthians 5: 17**)

We are reconciled to God, and as believers to each other as well. We were not meant to live our lives in isolation. Christ is the key, the word of God is the pathway, and the Holy Spirit is our guide.

Quotes from the lesson text.

When God saves us, we become prisoners of hope in his son, and he will be glorified through us.

The Lord will defend and provide richly for his children.

When we consider the magnitude of who God is, we should feel compelled to celebrate him.

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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