

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.

Enter In

Hebrews 3: 16 – 19

Every believer needs to be cautious against unbelief and the deceitfulness of sin. And even though departure from this world would not mean the loss of our salvation, it would mean, missing out on, and the failure of entering into the blessings of God that could be ours, if we would only trust in God. Failure to trust in God allows our enemies to defeat us, We can only be a part of all that God has provided for us if we persevere in our Christian life. We can lose that privilege if we stop trusting in God. Distrust brings unbelief.

Hebrews 3: 16 – 19,.... For who, having heard, rebelled....so we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief....

Like the children of Israel, we believe in God, but not always do we believe what he tells us. This is our unbelief, believing something other than what God has said that he wants us to do.

So,First of all, we are going to look at 3 things that causes spiritual failure, which disrupts our fellowship with God.

Separate from our eternally secure salvation, our spiritual inheritance involves Gods promises to us, which he is willing to keep, but often times cannot fulfill, do to our lack of fellowship with him.

These 3 things, we get from the 3 questions and answers we see in this passage of scripture.

1st thing we look at that causes spiritual failure. Rebellion.

#1 For who having heard, rebelled.

Rebellion – means to openly resist – We know in our Christian life what God wants for us. The indwelling Holy Spirit has given to us his direction, but yet we often times still follow after our worldly desires and resist the truth of God.

Ephesians 2: 2,....you once walked according to the course of this world....fulfilling the desires of the flesh and the mind....

Rebellion leaves us in a constant state of choosing between right and wrong, unable to submit to God. It causes us to misunderstand and blame God, we feel despair, we lose faith, and it leaves us lacking in our spiritual relationship with God.

2nd thing, that cause spiritual failure. Sinfulness.

#2 Now with whom was he angry, was it not with those who sinned.

Sinfulness – Quenches the Holy Spirits ministry within us. This causes our bible study and prayer life to suffer. It robs us of our joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control, which are the gifts that the indwelling Holy Spirit, which allows, and helps us in showing forth our salvation to the world.

Galatians 5: 24 – 26,....Those who are Christ have crucified the flesh....if we live in the spirit, let us also walk in the spirit....

False teachers, those who persuade by deception, will claim the need for our salvation is to follow after rituals and sacraments to become one with God. If we live and walk in the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit then we will not fall prey to the sinfulness of man.

3rd thing that causes spiritual failure. Faithlessness.

#3 they would enter his rest....those who did not obey.

We do not obey, do to a lack of faith.

Faithlessness – is not being true to our servitude in Christ. This happens when we try to balance the truths we can see, (which is worldliness) with the truths we cannot see, (which is our faithfulness to God).

2 Timothy 2:13,....if we are faithless, he remains faithful, he cannot deny himself....

There will always be those things in our lives that brings doubt, and causes us to struggle with a lack of faith. Keeping our faith strong requires discipline, discipline brings obedience, obedience comes through Gods word.

Only he who believes is obedient, and he only he who is obedient, believes.

We receive from God, by faith. Faith is our greatest asset, unbelief is our greatest and most dangerous temptation. We must learn to overcome unbelief.

So, we are going to look at 3 ways of overcoming unbelief.

#1 We overcome unbelief by knowing and doing Gods will. What is Gods will for me, salvation, we are all called to have an intimate relationship with God, and then to love and to serve him with our whole heart.

Colossians 1: 9 – 14,....that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will....in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins....

Christ teaches us that knowing Gods will and living in obedience to him is the key to our salvation. It is the key to prayer, to meditation in his word, and to spiritual growth in our individual lives.

#2 We overcome unbelief by rejecting Fear. We cannot worry and trust God at the same time. A lot of times in our lives, the basis of our unbelief is fear. If we do not deal with the fear, it begins to deceive our minds, and we begin to question Gods word.

2 Timothy 1: 7,....for God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind....

We do not get to enter into Gods promises, not because he does not want us to, or because of unworthiness, and not because he is trying to teach us a lesson, but, because of unbelief that is brought about by fear.

#3 We overcome unbelief by believing in Gods word. Gods word is Christ himself, through prayer and supplication, meditation in his word, obeying the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we gain knowledge of Christ.

2 Peter 1: 2 – 4,....grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord....that through these we may be partakers of the divine nature....

We either receive all from God, or nothing at all. The lack of knowledge results in unbelief. As Christians, we are not missing anything. God sees to it that we are fully equipped to do his will. We have and make the choice as to whether or not we will use the spiritual tools that he has supplied. Gods divine word gives us everything that we need for an eternal life with him. Through salvation - wisdom, knowledge, and understanding became ours when we came to know God, through faith in Christ.

Gods will is: that all men enter in to his salvation. We must except Gods offer of eternal life. The truth is, when we overcome our unbelief by trusting in God, we realize God is just as much at work today as he ever was. There is nothing we cannot receive when we believe. Our spiritual inheritance in Christ is to enter in.

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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