

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.

Gods Love, A Mothers Love, Love Never Fails

1 Corinthians 13: 4 - 8

The word of God tells us that love endures all things, and that love never fails. As believers we interpret passages of scripture, such as these, as they are to be used as a guide line on how to act or conduct ourselves. In one sense, this is true, the scripture does give us guidelines to live by, but, as Christians we should already have the means of doing so as we daily pray and meditate on Gods word.

So, what more is it that we should be looking for, what more is God trying to show us. It is motivation. God tells us that if our actions are not motivated, they are worthless, even if they appear to be worthwhile. We can find ourselves doing those things that appear to be good and loving, but, if they are not motivated by God, they are empty and meaningless.

Realizing that we are dealing with motivation is the key to understanding how it can be that, love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13: 4 – 8,....Love suffereth long and is kind....Love never fails....

When we are motivated by Gods love, and are not seeking our own comfort, this means our actions will be characterized without failure.

Paul, in this passage of scripture gives useful expectations to help us to discover our innermost motivations. By focusing on this, we can examine ourselves and determine what God shows us, as our real motivational purpose and the changes we can make to achieve his goals.

So, let us look at this passage of scripture, not as just mere guidelines, but as motivational tools given to us through the saving grace of Jesus Christ, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, in the light of Gods love, a mothers love, and, that, Love never fails.

-love suffers long and is kind.

Ephesians 4: 1 – 2,.....beseech you to walk worthy of your calling....bearing with one another in love....

As sons and daughters we were taught: discipline, manners, respect, sharing, giving, helping, to treat others as we would want to be treated. As Christians we are motivated to take these qualities to help others understand, and to use them as well.

-love does not envy, love does not parade itself, is not puffed up....

Galations 6: 4,.....but let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another....

As we mature in Christ, we learn our achievements are not based on our own abilities, but through Christ. We give God glory and honor for those achievements (blessings) and do not exalt them over others. Self importance and worldly arrogance only leads to jealousy and resentment.

-does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil....

John 17: 1 – 3,.....as you have given him (Christ) authority over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as you have given him....

Salvation is all about others, putting the good of others before our own good, this places God first in our lives, above our own ambitions. It eliminates selfish concerns in our lives and helps us to avoid involvement in worldliness and motivates us to help others do the same.

-does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth....

Ephesians 4: 14 – 16,....that we should no longer be children....may grow up in all things into him who is the head....

As we mature in Christ, we learn to offer forgiveness in times of offences, and not begrudgingly judge others. When we portray this to others, it brings growth to the body of Christ.

- Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things....

Philippians 1: 3 – 7,....making request for you all with joy....because I have you in my heart....

Through Christ, we see his best in others and trust in him, to their good intentions, this helps to restore and protect the salvation within them. This motivation encourages others to endure through trials and tribulations, to press forward in their faith in God, so that we may mature and grow spiritually in him.

We are taught to place our hope in the love of God and not in the emotions and affections of mankind. We trust in a love that has existed long before the earth was formed. It was love that made the ultimate sacrifice for me. A love that left the glory of God, to come and bear the judgement of sin and punishment of the cross, so that we might live both now and eternally within the glory of God.

Gods love, motivated unto us by a mothers love, a love that will never fail.

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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