

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.

Jesus Stood Still

Matthew 20: 29 – 33

When we call upon the name of the Lord. – What do we say to get Christ attention. – What do we do when he acknowledges us. – What do we request of Christ.

We call upon him because we recognize him as our savior. The first time, for forgiveness of sins, and then continually, calling upon him as our relationship with him grows, surrendering our lives to his will is vital to our spiritual life. It is a sign of humility and dependence on God.

Walking humbly with God is learning to ask the obvious when calling upon his name.

Matthew 20: 29 – 33,....two blind men sitting by the road....have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David....so Jesus stood still....

The meaning of Christ stopping and standing still, (because of, and through his) compassion, Christ responds to the cry of the sinner.

This blind man, some say by name is Bartimaeus, was fallen into poverty and distress through blindness.

#1 – Due to spiritual blindness, often times we fall into worldly poverty and distress. So like the blind man we must lay aside worldly pride and cry out to God through humility, all the while glorifying Christ as God.

Jeremiah 9: 23 – 24,....Thus says the Lord....but let him who glories, glory in this....

Let not man glory in: wisdom, might and riches, but understand that I'am the Lord.

#2 – By exercising: lovingkindness, judgement and righteousness we are able to respond when Christ calls us.

What does it mean to be called. Gods word shows us how Christ stood as a living example of what God intends for us to be: loving, caring, abiding, faithful devoted children of God.

John 15:19,....Because you are not of the world.... I choose you out of the world.

Once we understand and turn our life over to Christ, we are not just followers of Christ, but servants expected to spread the gospel.

#3 – In order to do this we must have faith in Christ.

In order to have faith in Christ, we must have knowledge of Christ, we must believe in Christ, we must hold the truth of Christ with in us.

Hebrews 1:6,....Without faith it is impossible to please him.

Having faith in the love and sovereignty of God is the basis of the scripture. The word compels us to have faith in God. As followers of Christ, those who have faith are promised blessings, strength and hope in our lives.

Now the reason for Christ standing still is to show the fulfillment of his Holy mandate – to suffer and die for the sinner.

He suffered and died for us due to:

#1 – Gods love for us and his plan for us.

We are not people who just happened to be here. We are not accidental in this world. We were chosen by God before the world began. The greatness of his love, nothing can separate us from. Through salvation he has given us eternal life, so that we can do the will of the father, concentrating not on things of the earth, but on things above, which is the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 2: 9 – 10,....Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard The things God has prepared....

Gods wisdom was established, before time as we know it began, and it included the plan of salvation (Christ and the Cross) to make it possible for those who would believe on him, to share in his eternal glory.

Paul was quoting a passage from Isaiah, who was also trying to explain that our human wisdom could not understand the hidden wisdom of God concerning his eternal plan for us.

Human wisdom is limited only to what can be worked out with human reasoning, which is a result of sinfulness.

#2 – Mankind is naturally sinful and separated from God.

Romans 6: 23,....For the wages of sin is death...

Sinners do not have the help of the Holy Spirit, so they cannot believe that which is spiritual, for this reason they reject all spiritual truth as foolishness.

Gods spirit makes it possible for us to understand and believe spiritual things.

For this reason:

#3 – God sent his Son, to die for our sins. So we can receive Christ's plan of salvation.

John 14: 1 – 6,....Let not your heart be troubled....

Romans 10: 13,....Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved....

When Christ stands still, he is about to take those which are least and put them first in a place of his mercy, grace, honor and glory.

Christ always hears, and always heals, this do to our faith in him. Like the blind man we must not hesitate when Christ ask what we want. We call out, and through faith, giving glory to Go. So Christ, ask the question: What do you want me to do for you ? Christ ask, so that we will ask him, to restore our sight. (salvation)

When we call upon the Lord, we can be assured, he will stand still to answer. God never reaches his limit of ability or willingness to offer salvation to the repentant sinner.

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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