

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.

Leading Gods People

Exodus 18: 15, 19 – 20, 21 – 23

When was the last time we were lost in an unfamiliar place. To often we find ourselves wandering aimlessly, not knowing if anything worth while is getting accomplished. This may seem OK, and a common occurrence in the world that we live in, but in our spiritual life, aimless wandering will leave us in a place of doubt, confusion and despair.

We need leadership – Christian leadership – Model leadership, that can only come through Gods word, which focuses on mankind and is oriented to his destination.

Meaning: Bringing people to maturity through salvation and into the eternal kingdom of God.

So how do we get started. We learn through Gods word, we are all destined to be led, as well as being destined to lead Gods people.

We ask ourselves, who are Gods people, and the answer is, all of mankind, we are all his people.

Genesis 1: 26,.... Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness....

John 3: 16 - 17,... that whosoever believes on him.... and that the world through him might be saved....

It is instilled within us that there is value in the human soul because it will live forever. Either in the blessings of heaven or the miseries of hell.

We realize eternity is forever, we realize now the value of the soul of man.

We now know we need understanding about leading Gods people.

Exodus 18: 15, 19 – 20, 21 – 23

As sinners we need leadership to salvation.

As Christians we need leadership to maturity.

In maturity we learn to lead others to salvation.

Understanding leading Gods people is:

#1 Teaching Gods people – salvation.

#2 Showing Gods people the work of salvation.

#3 Sharing with Gods people the blessings of salvation.

#4 Enduring with Gods people to reap the eternal rewards.

#1 Teaching Gods people – Salvation

Exodus 18: 15,.... People come to inquire of God, When they have difficulty they come.... I make known the statutes and laws of God....

1 Corinthians 15: 1 – 4,....Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures....

When leading someone to Christ, we must convey their need for Christ. We use the word of God, to show forth the knowledge of salvation, through the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Human pride denies the suggestion that God orders everything, controls everything, and rules over everything. The flesh hates the notion that salvation is entirely God's work. No doctrine is more despised by the natural mind than the truth that God is absolutely sovereign. God's choice would be that all except salvation.

Titus 1:2,.... In hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began....

Ephesians 1:11,.... In him we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the council of his will....

God chose us solely because it pleased him to do so. We exist, because God allowed it, decreed it, and brought us into existence, for the whole purpose of his saving grace.

Which brings us back to understanding leading God's people and the 4 things that we started talking about.

Teaching, Showing, Sharing, and Enduring.

And the 1st one is the most important, and that is teaching God's people salvation.

4 Basic Truths of teaching God's people Salvation.

#1 The fact of sin - **Romans 8: 9, 23** – Are all under sin, For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

#2 The penalty of sin – **Romans 6:23** – For the wages of sin is death.

#3 Christ paid our sin debt – **Galatians 3:13** – Christ has redeemed us from the curse, having become a curse for us.

#4 We must believe in Christ – **Romans 10: 9** – Confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus Christ, and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

#2 Showing Gods people the work of salvation.

I am saved by faith, salvation does not depend on works, it is Gods gift of grace. But....**James 2: 26**,.... Faith without works is dead.

God cares about my actions and beliefs. Believers must understand, willful sin brings about consequences.

Roman 6: 1 – 4,....just as Christ was raised from the dead.....even though we should walk in newness of life....

Saving faith is not simply a matter of acknowledging what you accepted is true. It involves our whole being - body, soul and spirit to embrace the truth with – mind, heart and will, expressed through faith and declaration.

Ephesians 2:10,....for we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works....that we should walk in them....

Newness of life is the desire to live for God. Change comes through the power of the Holy Spirit. God transforms our hearts, we accept his work in our lives.

Good works cannot save us. But, when we trust in Christ for salvation, then our good works begin to honor and glorify God.

#3 Sharing with Gods people the blessings of salvation.

We believe in Christ, we except salvation, we reside in the plan of God, we share the destiny of Christ, we receive the blessings of salvation.

Galations 5: 22 – 26,....But the fruit of the spirit is....

Our greatest blessing of salvation, the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit in our life.

John 14: 26,....but the helper, the holy spirit....he will teach you all things....

Christ himself called him – the helper. One who will teach us all things and bring to memory the living word of God.

The fruits that he teaches us is the blessings of salvation that we share.

Love, Joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control.

#4 Enduring with Gods people to reap the eternal rewards.

Reaping is the result of what we have sown. The outcome depends upon the amount of effort and time we put into the sowing.

Many times, as we live our life upon this earth, we are going to experience difficulties. Yet, for those who put their trust in the Lord, there will be peace and joy in the midst of it. Because God is our hope, so that we may endure through the difficult days.

Galations 6: 6 – 8,....he who sows to the spirit will of the spirit reap everlasting life....

Our choice is all about God. His glory, his honor, his righteousness. Nothing we do is hidden from him.

The Lord is patient and wants each of us to endure and reach the reward of eternal life.

God pours out blessings on his faithful believers. We are saved by Christ so that we may endure and reap eternal rewards.

We should step out of the deception, and recognize that our life in Christ, as believers is destined for leadership through determination, to help make the change through salvation, to a eternal reward with God.

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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