

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.

One King Overall

Ezekiel 37: 15 – 25

All Christians we would probably agree that division, in anything, especially our spiritual life, is not a good process. It is true though, that God sometimes allows and uses division to chastise his people. Chastisement brings back unity.

What causes division in our spiritual life. It is when things of this world begin to diminish our hope, we spiritually began to become separated from God. This happens when we began to pursue (Gods) of our own making, such as, things in our life, that we see as our most important value, this will cause us to pursue our own agenda and focus only on ourselves, not on others, and certainly not on God.

How do we overcome this. We realize that we are naturally, through the old self, separated from God and each other. By faith, we reconcile to God, by believing that he was the one that supplied the means to solve this fundamental problem that we all experience. Through Christ and the Cross, we are united with God and each other.

Ezekiel's prophecy is one of hope and unification.

It speaks of a regathering, a deliverance, a cleansing, a new nation, a Shepherd/ King, a new covenant and a sanctuary for all.

It is a prophecy, ultimately all about Christ. It covers Christ 1st coming and salvation as well as his 2nd coming and his perfect unification of all who believe.

We must have unification with Christ, and it all starts with salvation.

Ezekiel's prophecy, not yet fulfilled in modern day, applies to us in such a way as to show us that God wants us to have unity with him, so as to be his servants, that brings unity to all people through Christ.

Just as with Israel, God will use each of us as he sees fit, as we open ourselves up to the opportunities that he provides, and through these, apply the reconciliation of salvation, that he has freely given to us.

In our time today, as we study and meditate on Gods word, we see that Paul in his letter to the church at Ephesus compares Ezekiel's prophecy of the unification of the tribes of Israel, to the unification of the Jews and the Gentiles , and also of Christ and the church, and the church and God.

Ephesians 2: 11 – 18,so as to create in himself one new man from two, thus making peace, and that he might reconcile them both to God in one body, through the cross....

Christ through salvation brings all into one. We are no longer separated from God due to sin. Christ paid the debt, so that all can be in a relationship with the Father.

God made all people, and loves each of them unconditionally. Our love through God is to be as mature as his love. It is all about reconciliation. Differences should not divide, they should enrich our relationship with others. In Christ, there is no division, he covers all with his blood and divine love.

Do we, as Christians, realize what the blood of Christ has truly done for us.

It has given us freedom from bondage, liberty in Christ, hope of eternal life through salvation. It allows us to take hold of who we are in Christ, although many Christians never mature to the place where they get to experience the full benefit of taking hold of who we are in Christ.

The blood of Christ, his sacrifice in our place, provides redemption for salvation. We are covered by his atonement, that makes it possible for our reconciliation to him, and binds us in our relationship with him. We need to experience that the cross of Christ does more than just reconcile us to God. It does more than bring newness of life, it also reconciles us to one another, it brings unity.

The church today, just as Ezekiel was in his time, is called to be the voice of wholeness and reconciliation to God and to one another.

We must be careful not to get caught up in those things that cause division in the church. A lot of churches summarize or base their existence and who they are on what they are against. The church, or body of Christ, should be based on what they are and stand for in God, that is salvation.

God is a God of unity. He will cause his worshippers to become one in Christ. To see the need to learn to serve together. This is true and pure worship through the Holy Spirit with God.

As Christ did in his teachings, we need to enter into the lives of the people, and cast a vision for them of Gods spirit at work in our lives and theirs.

When God brings restoration, he restores, wholly and completely in Christ Jesus. In the end there will be one King ruling, and that will be Christ.

Lesson Notes:

The point that Ezekiel is making is clear, that the divided people would be divided no more.

The Lord was promising a future reunion of all the descendants of Jacob, back into one nation.

God promises that they will be one nation, never to be divided again.

The Lords promise, given through Ezekiel, finds its fulfillment in a yet future day that has not yet arrived.

Spiritual conversion – when does this occur – when Christ returns to earth to set up his millennial kingdom.

We as believers today, who are followers of Christ, whether Jew or Gentile, will enjoy the glories of his kingdom as well.

God is in the business of reconciliation and restoration.

Following Christ, requires major changes in terms of how we live our lives.

God takes lost and broken people and gives them life.

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 that God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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