

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.

Our Need Supplied

Philippians 4: 17 -20

True riches are not a matter of what we control. True riches are a matter of what controls us.

I will explain:

As Christians, desiring worldly wealth will only lead us in a direction that will delay our true spiritual riches. This is because the accumulation of worldly riches is not the purpose of our Christian life. It cannot save a persons soul, and will not gain us eternal life.

Only God can bring us into the richness of his spiritual wealth. This comes through the saving grace of Christ. Only Christ can bring us into the riches of eternal life. The glory that he supplies (Gods Glory) is for the sake of his own glory, which is salvation. The richness of the glory of God comes through Christ and the cross.

Philippians 4: 17 – 20,....but my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in Glory, by Christ Jesus.

As we look at the concept of this passage of scripture, God will supply all your need, (which we will come back to) according to his riches in glory. This scripture and many others like it in the word of God are misunderstood in the spiritual context in which they are intended. Yes, all promises made by God are promises that he will keep, and since it is written in Gods word, it is the truth.

As Christians, we must learn that every scripture in Gods word is inspired for the sole purpose of giving the opportunity of salvation and eternal life to all those who will have faith in him, and all those who will believe in him. We must understand God only keeps these promises to those who will serve him, and those who are serving him. It is not for personal gain.

So, lets start by talking for a moment about those things that control us. As believers, it is, or at least it should be the indwelling Holy Spirit that controls our life.

John 14: 26,....but the helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the father will send, in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to remembrance all things that I said....

John 16: 13,....however, when he, the spirit of truth, has come, he will guide you into all truth....

If we are allowing the Holy Spirit to control our life, then we know that he will guide us through the word of God, and this will give us the direction that we need in controlling our life. This can only happen when we study and meditate on his word, which puts us in touch with Christ, who is the living word.

Psalms 119: 11,....thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee....

Through salvation, we have allowed Christ into our heart. But, this does not mean that we know all about him or his word. We knew nothing of him before salvation, aside from the witnessing of others, so, due to meeting him and accepting him, does not mean that we know all about him.

We must get to know Christ, learn all about him, mature in his wisdom and knowledge. After all, this is the greatest relationship that we will ever have in our life. Christ knows everything about us, we should want to know everything about him and the things that please him, his likes and dislikes and all that he has in store for us. Everything of Christ is written in his word, and we have the greatest teacher in the Holy Spirit, and the greatest example, Christ, the word itself, alive within us, if we will allow him to show us who he truly is.

The concept of need is according to Gods will. What we want and what we need are not always the same thing. Even when it comes to our spiritual needs. God blesses us with spiritual blessings according to his purpose. Our needs are met through Christ in consideration of the direction he would have us to go.

The difference between what we want and need is shown to us in:

Philippians 4: 10,.... Not that I speak in regards to need....

Philippians 4: 17,....not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.

It is far better to focus on the needs of others, and allow God to be the controlling factor in our life, and take care of our concerns.

Matthew 6: 32 – 33,....for your heavenly father knows that you need all things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you....

As believers, we must trust God to provide all our needs, and not to be consumed with materialism. There is no end to Gods riches in glory, he does not want us to worry about our future. Salvation, eternal life, and the righteousness of Christ, we must take hold of by faith, this is the way and the means of entering into the kingdom of God.

Philippians 4:19,....and God shall supply all your need.....

We know that this is talking about spiritual need. We just read what Christ himself said about the material things in life, when we seek God and his righteousness, he will add those things unto us.

In order to understand this spiritual need, we must understand Gods riches in glory. Material things mean nothing in heaven. Gods riches in heaven is his love, and his people, so our need is for Gods love and Gods people.

God made a way to supply that need.

John 3:16,.... For God so loved the world....

Gods goal for us, and our understanding of his riches in glory come from his love, to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

This love and truth, combined with obedience, brings the reward of Gods riches in glory. It is the truth and love, that comes into our lives, when we allow God to be the controlling center of our lives. It produces peace in our relationship with God and with other believers.

Gods riches is the resource of our spiritual guidance. His resources are without limits. He is the creator of all things, all that we have belongs to him.

Through Christ, we have full access to God. The things that we need, come by Christ, through the direction of the Holy Spirit. The purpose of our existence is to experience the riches of his glory, to love and to glorify 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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