

# *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.

Faith in Christ, That Leads to Salvation.

**Luke 16: 22 – 23, 27 – 31.**

If, Gods whole creation, which testifies of Gods goodness and greatness, if his word, which has been preached out of truth, if through the Holy Spirit, which is by the direction of Gods hand, and even though Christ himself, who descended from heaven and was a witness of the glory of the father, was crucified and raised from the dead, if through all this, people do not turn to and except the salvation and eternal plan of God, then, what is it going to take.

The passage of scripture that we are going to look at, shows that trusting in works of signs and wonders, to bring people to faith in Christ, does not work. When we talk about this, it does not mean that these works have no bearing on our life and the lives of those around us, it does however mean that these works were brought about by the power of God to get us to a more prominent place in our life which is secured in the power of his word. Gods word is everything.

So, what does create faith in Christ to salvation. It is hearing the word of God. The preaching of the word, which is commissioned by God himself, working through Christ, by the leadership of the Holy Spirit, unto salvation.

**Luke 16: 22 – 23, 27 – 31,....**I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my fathers house....but, if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent....

The word of God is very plain about there being two eternal entities. Heaven and Hell. The bible also contains the message which tells the difference between eternal life and eternal death. With that being said, many believers still, will not commit to the study of God's word, and to having a direct communication with him through prayer.

The reason for this, there is no sense of urgency in our lives until we feel the overwhelming pressure of the trials and tribulations that we heap upon ourselves through the sinfulness in our lives.

**Matthew 24: 45 – 51,....**who then is a faithful servant....

Everyday, the world moves further and further away from God. As believers, God has called us, to warn the world of his coming judgement and to preach the good news of his salvation and coming kingdom.

How do we keep this sense of urgency first and foremost in our lives, and how do we maintain it. We must not take for granted how much we still need and rely on God and the truth of his salvation. And not just for ourselves, but, also for our fellow saints of God, and non believers.

In this parable of the faithful servant, Christ command was to give, them food in due season.

Every day in our life is due season. The responsibility of portraying the word of God to others, belongs to all of us. It is for the sinner to come to understand, and to know of the salvation of Christ. It is for the saints to grow, to learn, to mature in experiencing how to draw from the scripture the spiritual nourishment needed to continue on in the work of the Lord that God has in store for us to do.

Gods word is the only word that can reveal things unto us that is realistic and true.

**2 Timothy 3: 16 – 17,....**all scripture is given by inspiration of God. Profitable for doctrine ( salvation ), reproof ( disapproval ), correction ( setting something right ), and instruction in righteousness ( direction in wisdom, knowledge and understanding ).

These things are so that we as Christians can be made complete and have the tools that we need to do Gods work.

When we consider this, it is clear that God requires commitment and servitude to fulfill the ministry of teaching the value of his word.

Unfortunately, not every servant of God displays his wisdom, and their faithfulness to him. Many, have given up hope in the Lords return, and have turned to worldly desires.

**2 Timothy 4: 3 – 4,....**for the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine....

Believers have grown tired of the true gospel, which is a message of spiritual perfection in our lives and the need for salvation. Mankind is always looking to replace sound doctrine and teachings with desires of messages of the things they want to hear, instead of the things that we need to hear, which is the truth of the gospel.

**Luke 16: 29,....**they have Moses and the prophets, let them hear them....

God has given unto us every spiritual provision available. His divine word is our divine resource. We have the opportunity to obtain such a great wealth of his wisdom, knowledge and understanding in Christ Jesus. There is no excuse for the spiritual complacency that we find in the church today.

Our time upon this earth is exceedingly brief. When that time is up, there is only one thing that matters, that is our relationship with Christ.

**Mark 8: 36 – 37,....**what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul....or what will a man give in exchange for his soul....

Is it worth it to compromise the truth of our salvation for the worldly desires of the heart. The truth is, if we desire to live apart from God on this earth, he will grant us our desires for eternity. God has given to us eternal life through salvation by Christ on the cross.

Remember, what ever our belief is, rest assured we will follow it all the way to its destination.

Whether Heaven or Hell.

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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