

# *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.

Seeing only Christ

## Matthew 17: 5 – 8

A lot of our life is spent being consumed and focusing on our own desires and other peoples blessings.

We focus on everything and everyone else, instead of focusing on Christ, the one person who actually is attentive to our needs.

We face many things in life which has taught us to only depend upon ourselves.

But Christ has called us to rest upon his understanding, for he alone possesses eternal wisdom.

Each day we must lay aside our own plans and expectations and surrender to his will.

**Matthew 17: 5 – 8**,....this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased, hear him....when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus....

**V.8** - When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

To see Jesus only, we must want to see only him. Jesus alone can cleanse us, he alone will lead us. His guidance, his direction, is sufficient for us. To behold his glory, to be like him, should be the distinguishing mark of all Christian life.

In this passage of scripture, we see the struggle between two mindsets.

Mindset of the old law, which is the need for our carnal nature to try to add to God's perfect plan in order to enhance our old selves in this world.

Mindset of God's grace, that through salvation God's love becomes first and foremost in our life.

Moses and Elijah appeared with Christ but for a moment to show that the glory of God no longer rested upon them, upon the law, but upon the son of God. The glory that once was, now rested eternally in heaven and now, as being apart of the covenant by the Holy Spirit, we look past the things of man to the glory of God that rest in the son, and now within us through the cross.

**Jeremiah 29: 13**,....You will seek me and find me, when you search for me with your whole heart.

When we pursue Christ we find abundant life.

God bestows his favor upon us, granting to us his presence, his grace, his mercy. Through the guidance and influence of the Holy Spirit we gain spiritual desires and strong affections with all sincerity, through salvation and eternal life.

**John 17:3,....**And this is eternal life, that they ( We ) may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent....

This is to be understood as the simple Grace of God, pardoning sin, whereby a soul believes in Christ.

We must trust in the cross, which was the sacrifice for salvation that we expect, so that we may see and experience Jesus only.

**Romans 10:13,....**For whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved....

No person will ever understand the word of God until he/she truly sees Christ as the word of God.

Without salvation we look up and see nobody.

**Proverbs 3:7,....**Do not be wise in your own eyes, fear the Lord and depart from evil....

Most people do not live in a peaceful state of mind, they tend to bring stress upon themselves and do not recognize how and why they did it. This happens within when they look up and see nobody, ( Meaning ) God puts a desire within us to seek salvation, but worldliness blocks our vision to see the redemptive plan that God through Christ has chosen for us. This greatly and negatively affects our emotional, spiritual and physical well being. Through the word we learn to turn from worldliness, pursue after Godliness, so that we may live peaceably in Christ.

**2 Timothy 2: 22,....**Flee youthful lusts, pursue righteousness....

Peace should be pursued and followed after with a sincere heart. True worshippers of God draw nigh to him with a true heart, call upon him with sincerity of the soul in order to maintain a loving relationship with God.

Hebrews 2:9,....But we see Jesus....

Not with our physical eyes, but with our spiritual eyes and the understanding that he is Jesus. The one who gave himself for everyone that would not be ashamed to declare the name of God and take part in the body and of the blood and except through faith the free gift of salvation by grace by he freely gives.

2 Peter 1: 18 -21,....you were not redeemed with corruptible things....but, with the precious blood of Christ....

The secret to living for God and staying faithful to him is no secret at all. It is simply continuing in a personal experience with him, where we see no man, just Jesus only.

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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