

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.

Finding Favor in Gods Eyes

Psalm 30: 4 – 5

Being favored by God allows us to know that God is with us and that nothing can happen to us apart from his good pleasure.

It gives us the wisdom and knowledge to understand that if we remain true to God through struggles, trials, and tribulations it does not go unrewarded with Christ.

The indwelling Holy Spirit, allows us to experience Gods favor. When we experience Gods favor we rest in the confidence that our sins are forgiven and we have become an intricate part of Gods plan.

We should seek Gods favor before seeking favor in anyone or anything else, then we will begin to walk with God as our closest friend.

Psalm 30: 4 – 5,....Sing praise to the Lord, you saints of his, And give thanks, at the remembrance of his holy name....

In this passage of scripture we are showed the beauty of Gods grace. We should strive for others to join in on this celebration of life. Because of his saving grace we are thankful. Thankful for his excellence, his perfection, his glory. Even though there may be times of grief and repentance, there will be wholeness and joy. God promises, that in the end there will be favor in God and in his glory of, eternal life.

How do we seek Gods favor.

Matthew 6:33,....but seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,. And all these things shall be added unto you....

Christ invites us to seek favor in God by humbling our hearts before him, seeking him for his love and not just for the blessings that he gives.

How do we know we are finding Gods favor.

Proverbs 8: 32 – 35,....now therefore, listen to me, my children, for blessed are those who keep my ways....

We obtain favor from the Lord.

We obtain favor through wisdom from the Lord. It keeps our lives pure, so our desire is to please God more than pleasing ourselves. We know that we have found favor in God when he delights us with his will.

God intends for every believer to find favor in him and do the things that cannot be accomplished without him.

How do we grow in Gods, favor.

To grow in Gods favor we must raise our level of expectation to where God wants it to be.

Proverbs 23:7,....for as he thinks in his heart, so is he....

If our spiritual expectations are low, the worst is what we will get.

Our level of what happens to us in life has everything to do with our level of expectation.

We want to look at 3 things that helps us with finding favor in God.

#1 Finding value in Gods word.

#2 Learning that obedience to God is the greatest matter of the heart.

#3 Always allow Gods kindness, truthfulness and eternal love to characterize our life.

How do we find value in Gods word

#1 Finding value in Gods word.

Through his word, by his word, with his word.

God blessed us by giving us his word, (Christ) it is our most valuable earthly possession. It is instruction for us, and we should recognize this and make it a priority in our life.

Hebrews 10: 5 – 10,....sacrifice and offering you did desire, but a body you have prepared for me....

In order to find value, we need to understand, Gods word is perfect. We stand firm on the foundation of Gods word.

We learn it is the word of God that:

Transforms us, revives us, restores us.

Gods word gives us wisdom by:

The study of it, memorizing it, **Psalm 119: 1,....** (your word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee) By applying the truthfulness of it in our lives.

To transform us, he must take away the first and we must let him.

Living by the truth of Gods word we can live a happy, joyful, obedient, successful, spiritual life.

#2 Learning that obedience to God is the greatest matter of the heart.

Obedience to God, is living by Gods word. Not because you have to, but because you want to and enjoy being fulfilled with the love of God.

Romans 12: 1 – 2,....you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable, to God....

Obedience to God comes from living for him. Submitting completely to him through his word and the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we strive to become more and more Christ like daily.

The word tells us, we once were sinful human beings, saved by grace. We recognize Gods mercy, that instead of death, he has given us life and purpose through salvation. God has shared with us the riches of his glory. Our response to Gods mercy and him giving us eternal life, is for us to give our lives to him and his purpose.

God through salvation has set us apart for a life of worship. This is an appropriate response to the mercy God has given to us.

This gives us our spiritual character.

#3 Always allow Gods, kindness, truthfulness, and eternal love to characterize our life.

Our character is not always where God would have it to be.

Life cannot be lived to the fullest without Gods abundant eternal life. God wants us to understand the power we have through his son Christ.

God, through salvation, supplies us with the inner strength of the Holy Spirit. The greatest power we have is through his spirit. Chosen, redeemed, forgiven, describes us as believers.

Ephesians 3: 14 – 21,....for this reason I bow my knees to the Father, of our Lord Jesus Christ....

We ask God to characterize our life by helping us to exercise his power in us. As the spirit helps us to recognize our potential, then we begin to touch the lives of those around us. Our inner strength comes from Christ dwelling in our hearts, through faith. A spirit controlled life is a sanctified life.

Finding favor in God, is recognizing the strength of Christ, and his indwelling spirit that brings about his abundant love which leads to a full existence of our salvation.

This allows us to experience Gods love daily and then share it with others. God does more through us by his favor then we can ever imagine.

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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