

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.

Samuels Leadership Brings Victory

1 Samuel 7: 1 – 12

Repentance, the bible commands it, our wickedness demands it, justice requires it, Christ preached it, and God expects it.

Acts 17: 30,....truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent....

Sadly, this proclamation of repentance that the prophets of old preached, which the word of God directly deals with, is scarcely mentioned in contemporary churches today.

Genuine repentance starts with conviction. Spiritual conviction directs us to the proper pathway in our life. Before mankind can come to the cross of Christ and seek forgiveness of their sins, they must first be convicted. This work is done by the Holy Spirit.

John 16: 5 – 11,....when he has come, he will convict the world of sin....

Through conviction we experience contrition, (Godly Sorrow)

2 Corinthians 7: 9 – 10,....for Godly sorrow provides repentance....

If we sincerely regret our past sinfulness, and earnestly desire to walk in the pathway of righteousness, this puts us on the pathway to true repentance.

Then, contrition (Godly sorrow), brings about change which leads to salvation.

If we are truly repentant, our will then is Gods will. Gods will for our life is salvation, and the hope of eternal life.

John 3:16,....for God so loved the world, he gave....

God gave, Christ performed the task, the believer accepts.

Christ and the cross, Christ who died on the cross, paid our sin debt through his shed blood, was resurrected from the grave, which provides the means for salvation.

A repentant heart is one that God can use for his purpose. There is hope, but, it is only in God. There is forgiveness, but only at the cross. You can only have saving grace, by saving faith, in Christ.

Isaiah 55: 6 - -7,....seek the Lord while he may be found....

True repentance, does not include sorrow for sin, although that is an essential part of it, it also means that we live differently and forsake sin.

Ephesians 4: 17 – 24,....you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk....put off....the old man....

1 Samuel 7: 1 – 12,....if ye do return to the Lord....prepare your hearts....serve him only....

The simple message here is, if we truly want to return to the Lord, it means, we must remove the source of temptation, and serve God only.

The word commands us as believers to cease living like unbelievers. Our moral conduct, the doctrine that we believe, affects and determines the way we behave.

As believers in Christ we understand that we have been chosen for salvation for a purpose, and that purpose is to bring Glory to God.

1 Corinthians 10: 23 – 24, 31,....let no one seek his own, but, each one the others well being....

In this passage of scripture, the focus should not be so much on the food, but, how we exercise our Christian liberties. We should consider how our actions affect those around us. As Christians whose purpose is to bring glory to God, this is done by portraying Gods love through all that we do. We must consider whether we are promoting the spiritual welfare of others and salvation, before acting on the emotions that we feel.

1 Samuel 7: 8,....cease not to cry unto the Lord our God for us....

Israel ask Samuel to keep praying for them, they understood and recognized the Lord was their deliverer.

To often people seek the Lord only after pursuing other avenues. We should not view Gods help as a last resort. It should be our first option.

Two of the greatest verses in the bible:

2 Timothy 2:15,....study to show thyself approved....

1 Thessalonians 5:17,....pray without ceasing....

Both go hand and hand. Our communication with God is our greatest asset in our Christian life. We cannot speak with God intellectually if we do not know how to talk to him, or what to talk with him about. The word allows us the opportunity to learn about God, his likes, his dislikes, everything that we need to know to have a meaningful conversation with him. The Holy Spirit shows us the topic in the word of God that he would like to speak with us about.

Romans 8: 26 – 27,....the spirit himself makes intercession for us....

Often times, we find ourselves so overwhelmed, that we can pray only, God help us, or God forgive me. Just as God provided grace to us for salvation that we do not deserve. He also provided grace, to hear our prayers that we do not know how to pray.

This comes through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. The spirit helps to adapt our prayers to what the will of God is to our lives. It allows us to pray from the heart, freely, without having the fear of praying or asking wrongly. Since the Holy Spirit is God, he knows the will of God, and makes intercession in us, for Gods will.

1 Timothy 2: 1 – 7,....supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men....

If we think that we have nothing or no one to pray about or for, Paul's letter to Timothy gives us some insight on this particular subject. Prayer should be made for all things, people, places, happenings and events. No matter what the circumstance or the person, God desires all men everywhere to be saved, and come to the knowledge of truth.

1 Samuel 7: 10 – 11,....as Samuel was offering up the burnt sacrifice, the Philistines drew near....

While the Israelites were assembled, the Philistines heard about their gathering and decided to attack them, at what they thought would be their most vulnerable time. But, God prevailed, and brought victory through Samuels leadership.

Satan, comes to know our vulnerability through temptations. Temptation brings separation from God. When we take our eyes off of God, then we are vulnerable to sin.

James 1: 13 – 15,....each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires....

Matthew 26: 41,....watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation, the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak....

As believers, we must remember that the cure for being separated from God is to seek the Lord and return unto him.

Jeremiah 29: 11 – 13,....you will see me, and find me, when you search for me with all your heart....

Returning to God, is victory in God, and we do this through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. The conviction, the contrition, the change in our life, brings us back into the realm of his presence, where we can overcome those things in our life that is not pleasing to God, and be victorious in our salvation.

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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