

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.

Complete in God

Philippians 1: 3 – 6

Salvation allows us to put away the mindfulness of the world and brings us to remembrance the goodness of God.

The word of God tells us as Christians, we do this by casting all our cares on him.

1 Peter 5: 6 – 7,....humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time, casting all your cares upon him, for he cares for you....

Our life as a Christian is tempted with heartache, sorrows, trials and tribulations. These things do not have to have fulfillment in our lives. By giving these things over to God and making joyful request for fellowship in his word, we are able to show the confidence of our salvation and have the fulfillment of the goodness and truth of our salvation in Christ.

Philippians 1: 3 – 6....being confident of this very thing, that he who has begun a good work in you will complete it....

Complete in God

Paul's letter to the church at Philippi is a level of encouragement. Believers need spiritual encouragement. Paul was giving encouragement, that is what he had received from them, due to their love of God and their good works by faith, this gave Paul the strength to endure, and the endurance, in return, to lift those up in the Lord that had uplifted him.

Philippians 1: 3,....I thank my God upon every remembrance of you....

As Christians, we have the spiritual qualities instilled within us that Christ wants his people to remember about us, the testimony of our salvation.

Our salvation (our belief in Christ) is our deliverance.

We should not stray away from, or allow others, or worldliness to keep us from continuing on in this belief.

God, through Christ does a miraculous work in us in order that we may please him with our lives until the day of Christ.

1 John 5: 11 – 12,....this is the testimony, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his son....

The word of God builds us up. The testimony of our salvation portrays our inheritance of eternal life.

1 John 5: 12,.... He who has the son has life....

The testimony of our salvation through Christ can and will have an impact on others for time to come.

Paul, points out his servitude for God and the desire to share the gospel. He did not preach to make himself famous, he did it because he was a selfless ambassador of God's word.

Philippians 1: 6,....being confident of this very thing....

When we pray for acceptance, salvation takes place instantly.

Becoming Christlike is a process. Paul encourages us by telling and assuring us that sanctification will continue in those that believe. Those that are grounded in their faithful service to Christ.

Here is what we want to talk about.

Philippians 1:6,....He who has begun a good work in you will complete it.

This completeness comes through the word.

John 6: 35 – 40,....Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life, he, who comes to me shall never hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst....

Christ is the bread of life. Christ is the source of eternal life. The one that gives us life and sustains life. Both physically and spiritually.

3 aspects of this.

#1 Believing in Christ

#2 Coming to Christ

#3 Accepting Christ

John 6: 63,.... It is the spirit who gives life.

We accept this iron clad promise.

Hebrews 13: 5,....let your conduct be without covetousness, be content with such things as you have....

Christ himself said,....I will never leave you, nor forsake you....

To believe we must have faith.

The kind of faith that says I am living my life in the light of God, living in the light of things that have not happened yet. Things that are in my future, things that I cannot see.

John 6: 37,....all that the father gives me will come to me, and the one that comes to me, I will by no means cast out....

God makes every effort to bless us with the promise of salvation.

A calling must be and is given to everyone.

John 6: 44,.... no one can come to me unless the father who sent me, draws him, and I will raise him up in the last day....

It is Gods will for all to have salvation, it is no mistake when he calls us.

John 6: 39 – 40,....this is the will of the father who sent ne, that of all he has given me, I should lose nothing....

Once we accept the call of salvation, to be complete in God, we must believe that it is eternal. Our guarantee of salvation is proof that we cannot lose our salvation. This is our eternal security.

Romans 5: 1 – 9,....therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ....

Paul has the same trouble with the church at Rome that the church today is having. The notion of salvation by grace through faith, and that being eternal. So now we have a generation of non believers, and believers alike, that the basis of their making it to heaven is dependent upon obedience. Obedience that is man made and controlling their lives, instead of allowing God to control their lives through salvation and eternal security.

Romans 5: 1 – 9,....through whom also we have access by faith into this grace, in which we stand, and rejoice, in hope, of the glory of God.

Paul gives us a few simple reminders that eternally ties the true believer to Christ.

In all things we have peace with God, through access by faith, into grace.

Ephesians 2: 8,....for by grace are we saved through faith.

Here is where most think that they can lose their salvation.

Romans 5: 3,... and not only that....

Here is the eternal importance of that salvation.

Gods Love or salvation is just the beginning of experiencing his love.

John 3:16,....for God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son.....

Gods love is unconditional, Gods love is eternal, Gods love is immeasurable.

Psalms 136: 1 – 3, 23 – 26,...oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever....

What does it take for us to believe, Philippians 1:6,.... he who has begun a good work in you will complete it.

It takes salvation, and salvation only, which is our eternal security in God.

Philippians 2: 13,.... For it is God who works in you., both to will and to do for his good pleasure....

We make the choice to accept, he receives us, he forgives us, he gives us new life, we become a part of his eternal family, he clothes us with righteousness, he gives us the indwelling Holy Spirit, we experience peace with God. If that is not eternal security, than what is.

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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