

# *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.

Experiencing our Salvation.

## 2 Corinthians 5: 17 – 21.

As believers, we have received salvation. We have been saved from hell and Gods eternal judgement, and we possess the hope of eternal life. In order to be able to escape the peril of living an empty Christian life, we need more. We need Christ daily in our life, to live within us, to grow within us, to transform us. We need to experience our salvation, by taking Christ inwardly and outwardly, to work out our salvation, little by little, day by day, to accomplish the work of redemption, so that all may receive the gift of salvation by faith in Christ.

**2 Corinthians 5: 17 – 21,....**if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature....now then, we are ambassadors for Christ....

In order to experience our salvation, we first must accept salvation. If then, we have accepted salvation, then we know we have faith in Christ. Faith, that from the beginning, knowing, there was and still is the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Faith, that God gave his only begotten Son, faith, that the Son came into the world not to condemn the world but that the world through him might be saved. Faith, that Christ accepted the cross, bore our sin debt, was resurrected, and now sits at the right hand of the Father. Christ accomplished all of this, not just so we could have salvation alone, but, because he wants us to truly experience our salvation as well.

Anyone and everyone is given the opportunity to become a completely new person, with a new nature and a new life. We have become one with Christ, we have received the indwelling Holy Spirit, that leads us, and guides us in all truth. Our new life is an abundant life, with an eternal destiny, so why would we not want to experience everything that God has in store for us, through our salvation.

**Hebrews 10: 19 – 25**,....having boldness to enter the holiest by the blood of Jesus....let us draw near with a true heart....let us hold fast the confession of our hope....let us consider one another....exhorting one another....

Christ told his disciples:

**Matthew 13: 11**,....it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven....

To experience our salvation, we must have boldness in our salvation. To enter the holiest by the blood of Christ, means to have faith that leads to salvation. To know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, means to know what our salvation is all about.

Our boldness in the mystery of the kingdom of God is explained by Paul in Corinthians by showing us our abilities in our salvation.

**1 Corinthians 13: 4 – 8**,....love suffers long and is kind, love does not envy, love does not parade itself, is not puffed up, does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil, does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in truth, bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, love never fails....

Gods love is the key to experiencing our salvation. Gods love is unconditional, and is based upon commitment. Our Christian love, Gods love, is all about putting one self aside, for the good of other believers. We can not experience salvation on our own, salvation is intended to be complete in the body of Christ, therefore the greater the body of Christ is, the more complete our experience of salvation truly is. Gods word is very forth coming about our servitude in the body of Christ, due to the fact that God wants us to experience the fullness of our salvation. Gods love will always remain the greatest of all virtues, and will last forever.

**Hebrews 10: 22 – 23**,....let us draw near with a true heart....let us hold fast the confession of our hope....let us consider one another....

The more we draw near to God, the more confidence we have in our faith in Christ. Our faith in him, through the wisdom and knowledge of his word, allows us to take full advantage of the abilities given unto us through the indwelling Holy Spirit. It is through these abilities that we are able to let go, and put aside all of our worldly emotions and feelings of guilt, and come to a full understanding of what it means, that our sin debt has been paid in full, and we have truly been forgiven. Often times in our Christian lives, we hold onto worldly, sinful habits, that we say, is due to the fact, that we do not understand our salvation, because we do not truly experience our salvation. Therefore, there are those that believe we can be saved today, but, lost tomorrow.

**1 John 1:9,....**if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness....

Period !!!! He did not put an if, or and, or but, or unless, or due to, after this statement. He said this was it.

When Christ hung on the cross, to pay the penalty, for our sin debt,

**John 19:30,....**John's recollection of Christ last words was, it is finished....

**Luke 23: 46,....**Luke's recollection of Christ last words was, Father into your hands I commend my spirit....

Both were true, and shows us that when we commit our all to God, 100% of our life, then God takes control, and from there, lives within us and through us, so now I can say I 'am truly experiencing my salvation.

As we begin to allow God to live through us, then we begin to learn what it means to hold fast the confession of our hope, without wavering. Until this happens, we find ourselves, studying the word, meditating on the word, but not necessarily following after the word. Through temptation and deception, if we are not careful, we can find ourselves in a place in our Christian life, where we tend to follow after those things which are more popular, and seem easier to follow. Things that take less of our time, but, we still believe we are getting the same benefit. We must be careful, this kind of life will cause us to be careless, and shallow minded, which will lead to worldly fear and doubt, and our faith begins to waiver, where we are no longer holding fast to our salvation. This is why there are many that give up going to church, many that give up on their communication with God, many that give up on study and meditation in the word, because they are no longer experiencing the goodness of their salvation. We must hold fast the confession of our hope.

**John 6: 65 – 66,....**therefore I said to you, no one can come to me unless it had been granted unto him by my Father. From that time many.... Went back and walked with him no more....do you also want to go away....

How important is it in our Christian life to consider one another.

**Hebrews 10: 24,....**let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works....

This allows us to be complete in the body of Christ.

As believers, we must remember, we are not in this alone, we are all in this together. In order, to experience the fullness of our salvation, it has to be done through the body of Christ. In order for this to happen, the body of Christ must continue to grow. That is why down through the ages, Gods commandment and empowerment to mankind was to go forth, be fruitful and to multiply. This is our spiritual motivation today, to consider one another, to go forth, to be fruitful in our Christian life, and for the body of Christ to multiply.

**Matthew 28: 18 – 20,....**all authority has been given to me....go therefore, make disciples....teaching them....I am with you always....

What greater blessing and opportunity do we have in Christ then to truly experience our salvation. Not just to accept, but to be apart of. A part that is filled with the love, joy, and compassion for the saving grace that can only come through Christ and the cross. Everyday even though we feel the burden of the world around us, we should also feel the excitement, and the joy of experiencing our salvation, and knowing that this experience in some way will lead to the salvation of others as well.

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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