

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.

Do Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

Micah 6: 1 – 8

As believers we either choose to live our lives trusting in Christ our Savior and living in the newness of our Godly nature in him, or we live it through the resources of the old nature, neglecting that which is pleasing in the sight of God. Our choice has everything to do with our spiritual maturity, If we lack desire, then we have no motivation to study Gods word, to pray, to seek his will in our lives, and we find ourselves, falling back into the same worldly habits that we are so use to living in. On the other hand, if we have spiritual desire and motivation, then we study and meditate on the word of God, we communicate consistently with the Father, through seeking the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and we seek after the will of God in our life, therefore we mature spiritually. As Christians, in order, to follow after and continue to grow in the newness of our Godly nature, we must ask ourselves, what does the Lord require of us.

Micah 6: 1 – 8,....hear now what the Lord says: arise, plead your case....with what shall I come before the Lord....he has shown you, O man, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God.

Thinking about what the Lord requires and desires of us, encourages us to mature spiritually. As we mature, we connect our faith with our actions, which strengthens our walk with God. As our relationship with God strengthens, we gain a better understanding of Gods great grace for us, even though we are not always obedient to his word. Due to our disobedience, and Christ love for us, then God requires of us to, do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly.

So, let us start out by talking about doing justly.

As Christians, we have a tendency to believe, that helping ourselves means, having others do for us, and then doing all for others, and that this, is the right thing to do. But in fact, this takes away from man's freedom of choice, his God given free will. We must learn to help ourselves through the Holy Spirit, and help others to help themselves through the Holy Spirit, and only by doing this, can we, and those around us exist, thrive, and achieve, our full potential in the Lord.

Our greatest example of this, is our salvation. Christ and the cross made it possible for us to have eternal life through his saving grace, and through the cross he done all that he could do, he gave his all, he gave everything, but he cannot accept salvation for us, or make us to accept salvation. He offers it freely, we must accept.

1 Corinthians 15: 3,.... Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures....

Romans 10:9,.... that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved....

Gods choice is that all would accept salvation, and as being a part of the body of Christ, our desire for other should be the same. Christ done all that he could do, the Holy Spirit provided the conviction, and we supply the witness, and the example. In order, for salvation to take place, and to be genuinely true, then the acceptance is up to each individual that is called.

2 Chronicles 30: 9,.... for the Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn his face from you, if you return to him....

Next, we want tot look at, to Love Mercy,

Gods desire for us to have mercy comes from our desire to receive his mercy, which is what God gives unto us, instead of what we truly deserve. God wants us to be drawn to his mercy, which will allow us to have compassion for others in need.

We will find that we will see more and more daily, in the world that we live in, that this worldly compassion that we have within us, comes with the alternative plan of, what is helping others going to do for me, we are not really worried about others. This comes from hardened hearts and minds that are ready to judge others, rather than show them mercy. God desires us to have humble hearts and minds that are open to forgiveness and mercy.

Listen to this passage of scripture in Nehemiah,

Nehemiah 9: 18 – 21,....yet in your manifold mercies, you did not forsake them....you also gave your good spirit to instruct them....you sustained them....they lacked nothing....

Even though in this world that we live in, I am all about me, you are all about you, we are all about ourselves, God and his saving grace is all about humanity as a whole. Look at the list of things in this passage of scripture that is provided unto us, by God, that we as Christians share in our lives and in returned to provide to those around us.

Nehemiah 9:19,....God does not forsake....

Hebrews 13: 5,....he himself said, I will never leave you nor forsake you....

Nehemiah 9: 19,....I will not depart from them....

Isaiah 59: 21,....my words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth....

Nehemiah 9: 19 – 20,....to lead them, to show them, to instruct them....

Joshua 1: 5 – 9,....I will not leave you nor forsake you....do not turn from it....observe to do according to all that is written in it....

Nehemiah 9: 20,....God does not withhold anything from us....

Psalms 84: 11,....the Lord will give grace and glory, no good thing will he withhold....

Nehemiah 9: 20 – 21,....gave them water....sustained them in the wilderness....

1 Corinthians 10: 3 – 4,....all ate the same spiritual food, all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank of that spiritual rock that followed them, and that rock was Christ....

Nehemiah 9: 21,....they lacked nothing....

James 1: 4,....that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing....

All God really desires from us is that we come to him. By this act of faith, Gods promise is that we will rest in his mercy. His desire is that we would passionately live for him, rather than trying to earn it on our own. When we live passionately for him, we return Gods mercy, with that of our own.

And finally, God wants us to walk humbly with him.

Humbleness is a part of our spiritual character. It is a constant process in our Christian life, that can only come through constant contact and communication with God. It would be impossible to do justly and to love mercy without the humbleness of God. Humbleness, not only comes through prayer and meditation of the word, but also by the works of our faith. The more humble we become, the greater God becomes in our life.

John 3: 30,....he must increase, I must decrease....

At some point in our Christian life we should or must began to grow and to mature, the point of our salvation is not to make ourselves look good in the Lord, but to allow God to look good through us, to others. Christ is our reward, but only if in our hearts he has increased and we have decreased.

Why is humility so hard to acquire in our life, because, it only happens when we completely and totally surrender to God.

Matthew 16: 24 – 25,....if anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever desires to save his life shall lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it....

Humility means, really getting to know Christ, learning of him, following after him, and living a Godly life away from the world. It also means, that having true salvation is putting our complete trust in him, the one who has broken down the wall of separation and who, through his love, teaches us to deny one self and to give ourselves wholly unto God.

Galatians 2: 20,....it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me....I live by faith....

Salvation is being positioned in Christ. Which means that the old self, the sin nature, died at the cross, therefore death no longer has power over us, and we are no longer a slave to sin. Through humbleness of heart, we submit to Gods grace, he now is the source of that which is leading and guiding our life, in his Son, Christ, that is the things I say, the things I do, the life I live. The more we humble ourselves to God, the more we die to self, the more we live for Christ.

Our spiritual growth is not only based upon what we do, but how we do it. To often we base our spiritual maturity on the works that we do for the sake of presenting a Christ like image to impress those around us. Christ himself led us in the example of doing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly, he done this, through his death on the cross, so that we might have salvation. We must reflect his image by doing the same in our lives today, in order to show this great gospel of salvation to the world.

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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