

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Sermon

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.

For not all have faith.

## 2 Thessalonians 2: 13 – 3: 2.

How do we classify our faith?

Would we say our faith is strong?

Would we admit to having weak faith?

Are we happy living our lives with our faith, just being adequate, getting by with as little effort as possible, as believers.

If we say our faith is strong then everything that we do is of God, and it is what God has instructed us to do. If our faith is weak then we are allowing things of this world to dictate and control how we live our lives.

So, we go along in our Christian lives missing out on what God has in store for us and living in the unhappiness of worldliness, and yes, sinfulness.

So again: How do we classify our faith ?

**2 Thess. 2: 13 – 3:2,...**God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the spirit and belief in truth....pray for us that, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, for not all have faith....

The reason we ask this question,

For not all have faith.

If you are saved you have faith, but is your faith growing.

So, What is faith ?

**Hebrews 11:1,....**Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen....

Substance, is what you are made of.

Evidence, shows the proof of it.

Faith gives us desire for more substance.

Faith is having confidence in what we hope for, and the assurance that the Lord is working, even though we do not always see it.

Faith comes through the leadership of the Holy Spirit, who's power connects us with God, and allows our relationship with him to become a truthful reality.

**2 Thessalonians 2: 13,....**but we are bound to give thanks to God....

We are destined by the Holy Spirit to thank God always for granting us salvation.

The Bible not only says we are destined, but also predestined.

**Romans 8: 28 – 30**,....whom he predestined, these he also called....these he also justified....these he also glorified....

We only know we are called because of salvation. As Christians, although we know, sometimes we do not want to admit to knowing. Salvation is Gods sole purpose for us.

He called us:

Called us into his love. To serve and to share.

He Justified us:

Christ paid our sin debt, forgave us all our sins, Past, Present, and Future

He glorifies us:

He conforms us to the image of Christ.

Christ wants our faith to grow.

Christ wants us to mature spiritually.

Christ wants us to be full and complete.

He is preparing us, so he may present us to himself

**Ephesians 5:27**,....that he might present her to himself a glorious church....that she should be holy and without blemish....

Sanctified, Set apart, Approved, Blessed, Confirmed, Made Holy.

We have blemish, so by faith we strive to overcome to become more holy.

God chose you, God chose me, for salvation.

The greatest thing that can ever happen to us, the greatest choice we can ever make, the greatest life we can ever live, all falls under the very thing God chose for us, that is salvation.

**1 Corinthians 1:26 – 29,....**for you see your calling....not many are called....God has chosen....to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in his presence....

God chooses us because of our humbling qualities.

Our spiritual qualities which are foolish, weak, base, despised. Qualities that God sees as accomplishments, but, the world does not see these as accomplishments.

God wants us to understand how important humility, that is expressed by faith, is to him.

Worldly accomplishments fade, but spiritual accomplishments are eternal.

We have the greatest opportunity of knowledge which is God's word.

We have wealth beyond measure which is spiritual wealth.

We have a great family who are our Christian brothers and sisters, the church.

Man, in the flesh, through worldliness, cannot glory in God's presence.

God's work in man, through his salvation, shows glory in his presence

It would be better to be labeled as foolish in the way of worldliness, than to be labeled a sinner without salvation.

**1 Corinthians 6:9 – 11,....**do you not know he unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God....you were washed....you were sanctified....you were justified....by the spirit of our God....

Sanctification comes by the spirit.

To sanctify means to set apart, approve, bless, confirm, make holy.

Justified means forgiven.

God called us.

**1 Peter 2:21,....**for to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow his steps....

We obtained.

**Ephesians 2: 8 – 9,....**for by grace you have been saved through faith....it is a gift of God....

We should strive to stand fast.

**1 Corinthians 15: 58,....**be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord....

Everlasting consolation and comfort, comes from Christ.

**John 14: 27,....**peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you....let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid....

So, Christ may establish us in every good word and work.

**1 Peter 5:10 – 11,....**may the God of all grace, who called us....perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you....

We must pray that the word runs swiftly and is glorified.

**Matthew 24: 3 - 4, 13 – 14,....**take heed that no one deceives you....he who endures to the end shall be saved....

Pray that we the church may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men.

**2 Corinthians 10: 3 – 6**,....casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God....

For not all have faith.

**Romans 1: 20 – 21**,....since the creation of the world, his invisible attributes are clearly seen....although they knew God, they did not glorify him as God, nor were thankful....their foolish hearts were darkened....

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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