

# *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.

Know that the Lord he is God

## Psalm 100:3

Can a man know himself before he knows God. To know God, means we realize that the Lord is the one and only sovereign God, creator of all, ruler over all. A God that sent his son into the world, to save sinners. All of us have the opportunity to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and Eternal Life. All of mankind is confronted to know the Lord and be saved, by grace, through faith.

We do not know ourselves, without knowing God. Before knowing God, we only knew, sinfulness and worldliness, and that is not truly who we are. God created us in his likeness, in his image, and with a spiritual purpose in mind. So lets get to know ourselves in Christ.

Psalm 100:3, ....know that the Lord he is God. It is he who hath made us, and not we ourselves, we are his people and the sheep of his pasture....

The very first step in knowing who we are, is knowing God.

Know that the Lord he is God.

Christ is both, the Lord of the living and the dead. Everyone must decide, to either accept or reject him. This opportunity, is given only while we are living on this earth. After death, all will acknowledge Christ as Lord, all will either bow humbly in accountability to him, or, bow to him in judgement.

After the death and resurrection, Thomas in: **John 20:28**, recognized Christ as,.... My Lord and my God....

For us to do the same , it must come through salvation.

**1 Corinthians 12:3**, ....no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit....

This is not talking about those who are simply just saying the words, but, those that really mean what they say. There is no true meaning without the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. **John 4:24**, ....and they that worship him, must worship him in spirit and in truth....

To know that the Lord, he is God, is to know the truth of salvation. Mankind may not acknowledge it, but, Christ is, Lord of all.

**Philippians 2: 9 – 11**, .... Therefore, God also has highly exalted him, and given him the name which is above every name....

Christ, who is the essence of God, came down from the highest place possible of honor and power, to the lowest, possible position, which was death on the cross.

Christ willingly took on the form of the man that he created. He chose to honor the father, by taking the cup that was given unto him, to redeem the very people that reviled against him, by his shed blood on the cross.

The resurrection, guaranteed that Christ's sinless life, was a deathless life. Only the soul that sins shall die, which is a spiritual death, separation from God. Christ, who lived a perfect, sinless life, chose willingly to give his life for ransom, for the sins of the world.

For this reason God highly exalted him.

It is he who hath made us, and not we ourselves....

Man does everything in his power to feel that he is in control of his own life and destiny. Even though we are the most proud and arrogant beings of creation, our accomplishments are but small in the vastness of Gods creation. We do not, and cannot control anything of importance. God who is almighty, all powerful, all knowing, is in complete control of all things, including our lives.

We have not created ourselves, neither can we save ourselves from eternal death. God allows us the freedom to make choices in our lives, and the freedom to choose our eternal destiny.

Although man does not understand until he has faith in God and accepts salvation, does he then realize that every created thing is a proof of the existence of God.

**Acts 17: 23 – 31**, ....therefore, the one whom you worship without knowing, him I proclaim to you.... For in him we live and move and have our being....

We find 4 things in this passage of scripture that shows us the spiritual truth to the passage: ....it Is he who hath made us, and not we ourselves....

#1 Gods sovereign rule, **Acts 17:24**,....God, who made the world and everything in it,.... He is Lord of heaven and earth....

**Genesis 1: 27**,....so God created man in his image, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them....

Images are created to display the original, to point toward the original, to be a likeness of the original, to glorify the original. God made man in his image so that the world would be filled with reflections of himself. God did not want anyone to miss out on the whole point of creation, the all knowing, loving God.

#2 His goodness and grace to all, **Acts 17: 25**,....he gives to all, life, breath, and all things.... He has made from one blood, every nation of men to dwell on the face of the earth, and has determined their pre appointed times, and the boundaries of their dwellings.

God gives life, because he is the fountain of life, he gives breath, this is life preserved. Man has nothing, except what he receives of God. He only receives of God when he ask in faith believing and this starts with salvation.

#3 The duty of Gods people, **Acts 17: 27**, ....so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope, that they might search boldly for him, and find him, though he is not far from each one of us....

Gods trusted presence is not always our constant experience. There are times when we tend to neglect God and give no thought to him or put our trust in him. The brightness of his character is hidden behind our carnal desires. This is why we must continually seek the Lord. God is always calling us to enjoy his goodness and greatness.

#4 As Christians, mature in the knowledge and work of the Lord, **Acts 17: 28**,.... For in him we live, and move, and have our being....for we are his offspring....since we are his offspring....we ought not to think that the divine nature....is shaped by mans devising....

When we feel like our life is off track, like there is no certainty, we are alone and confused, and we have a sense of our life as being meaningless, this is a natural human feeling. God places within us, that which we long for, for meaning and purpose in our life. When we allow the world to overcome us, we lose track of those longings and feel lost. God has made it so that through salvation we can become in a relationship with him. Christ came to the world to share with us the fathers love. We define ourselves in the one who forgives, redeems, heals, reconciles, provides hope and peace to his people. The closer we draw to God, the more we find our lives being lived out and moved by his influence.

The basic things that should be known by all, and taught by the believer is that every sinner and every saint should know that the Lord himself is God.

He is the sovereign ruler of the universe, creator of all things. Enthroned above all else, giver of life and life eternal. He is the one who died and rose again so that through faith, we might live in newness of life, and assume the responsibility of all, to come and know Christ and his saving grace, to glorify him. The only begotten son, forever, eternally.

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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