

# *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.

Listen, trust, Obey

When God allows us to know that we are doing what he has called us to do, it heightens our sense of knowing that we are growing in our spiritual maturity. This comes about in our spiritual life as we seek his will for us. It is not enough just to be comfortable in our spiritual life, we need to be active, we need to allow our faith to support our spiritual abilities in Christ. Our faith and our willingness to act, makes our salvation a reality. Every Christian, is to reveal Christ to those around them, just as God reveals his love of salvation unto us. God will reveal what he wants from us in our life, as a believer, when we, listen to the Holy Spirit, trust in Christ his son, and when we are obedient to his word.

These three things we want to look at, how they enhance our spiritual maturity in the Lord.

## Listening to the Holy Spirit.

We live in a busy, noisy world. In the midst of all this noise, which is, temptations, trials, tribulations, persecutions, heartaches, hardships, disappointments, gossips, and the list goes on and on, how do we bring ourselves to the place that we can hear the Holy Spirit over all the worldly noise going on in our life.

**John 16: 12 – 14,....**I still have many things to say to you....when he the spirit of truth has come, he will guide you into all truth, for he will not speak of his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, he will tell you things to come....

The Holy Spirit, which would come to guide man into the many truths of God, had, and still has in store for us, all of the things that God has prepared for us. The disciples at this time were not ready to receive these truths because these truths were not yet manifested, because the victory of the cross had not yet taken place. After the death and the resurrection there were still many more truths to be revealed, this came by the apostle Paul to the body of Christ, these were mysteries, that were planned by God, before the foundation of the world, mysteries that have been hidden, down through time, still being revealed to us today, through the word of God.

The Son and the Holy Spirit, although one in the same, with God the Father, demonstrates to us, and for us, how to have a submissive nature, that will please God. Our job is to listen, to what the spirit has to say to us, to allow ourselves to be guided into the gospel of Christ, through Godly wisdom, and discernment, in every part of our lives.

**1 Corinthians 2: 9 – 16,....**eye hath not seen, nor ear heard....the things which God has prepared for those who love him....God has revealed them to us through his spirit....we have the mind of Christ....

The work of the Holy Spirit clarifies the events of God, those things that God has in store for those who love and accept him. In our lives as Christians, the Holy Spirit, provides us with insight in our spiritual life, insight that would not be there without the indwelling Holy Spirit. However, we must remember, that this insight is not instant, or automatic, nor does it take place immediately in our life. The spirit will speak, through prayer, through the study of Gods word, it will guide us and declare unto us the things that God has in store for us, but, we must listen, in order to mature in that personal relationship, that God willingly, and sincerely wants us to have with himself, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Trusting in Christ, Gods Son.**

**Proverbs 3: 5 – 6,....**trust in the lord with all your heart, lean not to thine own understanding, in all thy ways acknowledge him and he will direct your path....

When everything in life fails, and it will, we must learn to trust in God's plan. Putting our faith in Christ, gives us the assurance to continue to press on in our life. The most important thing that we can do as Christians, is to trust in the Lord. This is due to the fact that there is so much that we do not know about our lives, and how that our lives are going to turn out according to the will of God, but Christ does, and he will guide us, if we put our faith and trust in him. As we put out faith and trust in Christ, he will return that trust unto us through his protection. It is hard for us to see God's vision for our lives, but rest assured, it is tailored specifically for our own individual life.

**Isaiah 26: 4,....**trust in the Lord forever, for in the Lord is everlasting strength....

God is there, through it all, the good, the bad, it does not matter, that is part of us being able to count on him, knowing that he is there whenever we need him. God's love never waivers, so we can always be sure that he is doing what is best for us in our lives. Our own fears easily entrap us, especially when it seems like what we are going through in our life is too much to handle, but we must remember, and rest assured, we are safe in the arms of God. Trusting God means, that although we cannot see him, that our prayers, and hopes, are heard by him, and we know that he is waiting and willing, to bless us in our salvation.

**Obedience to God's word.**

**John 14: 23,....**If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and will come to him and make our home with him....

Simply put, if we love him, we will obey him. Obeying God's word leads to wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of our salvation. The word, which is Christ himself, is not just Christ alone, but all that he did is commissioned by the Father, empowered by the Holy Spirit, so that we might come to know the love of God, through Christ his Son, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and in this, give glory God. Christ and the cross, are still despised and rejected by many, but for those who believe that the word comes from the Father, then they will believe that the life which Christ lived, is for an example to us, and was directed by the Father.

**James 1: 22,....**but be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves....

Those who obey God's word, not only strive for his perfection of knowledge, by listening to his word, but also act upon what we have heard.

When we obey the word, it means that we are taking the time to listen, to hear, to understand, to agree, and to accept it in our lives.

As believers, obeying Gods word means, that we are growing in his grace, maturing in our faith, walking in spirit and in truth, and bringing forth his works of righteousness. These things, God has prepared for us to do, by and through the power of the Holy Spirit, as we abide in Christ and he abides in us. The word encourages us to be quick to hear, but to be wise in our reaction in our service to God, so that we may act faithfully, humbly, and wisely. Rooted and grounded in Christ means that we, listen to the Holy Spirit, trust in Christ, God's Son, and we are obedient to his word.

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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