

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.

The Great Gulf Fixed Between Us

Luke 16: 26

In this life that we live, we as mankind, decide on our own eternal destiny. During our time on this earth, God offers to every soul, a time of his saving grace. If we, as humanity, waste these offers of opportunity from God, by not excepting him, and excepting self pleasing, worldly opportunities, then we cut ourselves off from the choice of salvation and everlasting life, with no chance that it will be granted again after physical death. Due to this, we have separated ourselves from God, and fixed an impossible gulf between ourselves and Christ.

This is what we would like to talk about this morning. The great gulf that we fix between ourselves and the Lord, due to our spiritual immaturity.

Luke 16: 26,....besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot, neither can they pass to us, that come from thence....

As Christians, in our lives today, we have many around us, whether either unsaved, or just spiritually dying, no matter what the cause, they are spiritually hungry, naked, and homeless. For ourselves, as spiritually mature Christians, to neglect those that are in need, will place a burden of guilt within us, that we will one day need to confront, due to the offense, that it has created in the sight of God.

At times, we forget, that we are accountable for those capabilities, that we are entrusted with, by God. We must learn, that these capabilities are not so, that we may selfishly honor ourselves, but, we are spiritually obligated to use these gifts for uplifting all of humanity, through the saving grace of God. This command comes from Christ himself.

Matthew 22: 37 – 40,....Jesus said....thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart....thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself....

Christ was quoting these scriptures from the laws of Moses,

Deuteronomy 6: 5,....thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart....

Leviticus 19: 18,....thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself....

As we mature in Christ, we begin to understand that the responsibility of our obligation is to God, and we need never to forget of our accountability to him. This understanding, comes through the word of God, as we study, meditate, and practice its teachings in our lives.

Christ knows our works, and he knows our thoughts. His desire is that we use our spiritual capabilities to allow non-believers to hear and to understand that it is impossible, for mankind, to secure the salvation of the soul, after physical death takes place.

Matthew 7: 21 – 23,....not everyone that saith to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven....many will say to me in that day....then will I profess unto them, I never knew you....

In death, it is too late to realize, that a life spent in self pleasing, worldly pleasures, with no provisions made for eternity, leaves us in a state of eternal damnation, reserved for us in hell.

2 Peter 1: 2 – 4,....grace and peace be multiplied unto you....according to his divine power hath he given to us all things....that ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption....

Every man, is given the opportunity, for salvation, and also the abilities, of the duties, of that salvation. Man's responsibilities are proportionate to his opportunities and privileges, that are given unto him by God, who gives to everyone sufficiently, to do the work that he has in store for him to do. These privileges, when cultivated, by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, bring about the purpose of Gods redemptive plan.

We must continue to grow in our faith, and obedience to the word, so that we may find ourselves always mindful of Gods saving grace, and the needs, of the suffering of humanity.

Ecclesiastes 9: 1 - 2, 5,....for all this I considered in my heart ever to declare all this....all things come a like to all, there is one event to righteousness, and to the wicked....for the living know that they shall die, but the dead know not anything....

The great gulf that we find fixed between ourselves and the Lord is that of disobedience. Disobedient in prayer, disobedient in the word, disobedient in our service to God. Many today are following after the soul that longs for the excitement of worldly pleasure, there minds are full of worldly love, which is on display to all, but, there is no service to God. For those that are snatched away in a sinful state, there is no return, across that great divide. But, to learn of Christ, and to receive his saving grace, to become obedient to his word, and in service to him, means to overcome the great gulf that is fixed between us and the Lord, so that we may take part in the pure truth, and devotion of our spiritual lives, reserved in heaven.

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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