

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.

Boast in the Cross

Galatians 6: 14 – 18

Mankind, is not truly concerned about each other, or are they concerned about serving God. When humanity is doing what they believe to be good, it is due to self opportunity, to earn bragging rights in their own abilities. As believers, we should not boast on those things that God has accomplished through us, we should boast on one thing and one thing only, and that is the cross. For this reason, we have no need for any worldly approval. Because we are in Christ, the righteousness that he gained on the cross was gained for all. The only thing that we need to do, to be clothed in his righteousness is to believe in him.

Galatians 6: 14,....God forbid, that I should boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world....

As we start out, we must back up to:

Galatians 6: 9,....let us not grow weary in well doing....

We begin by talking about those things that God wants for us to accomplish in our life, as we spiritually grow, and mature in our salvation. We must be careful, that as we grow in this spiritual life, and as God gives us the opportunity to show others the means of salvation, that we do not begin to brag about those spiritual accomplishments that God has allowed to take place in our lives. Even though as Christians, we should have plenty to boast about, we should not boast or brag about how spiritual, that we believe ourselves to be, this will prompt hostility between the world and the church.

So as Christians how should we be living our lives,

Philippians 3: 3,....for we are the circumcision (those who have accepted salvation), who worship God in the spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh....

We should be worshipping God, we should be rejoicing in Christ, and the confidence that we are putting into the flesh, or the worldly man, we should be putting and trusting in Christ.

Philippians 3: 7 – 11,....what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ....that I may gain Christ, and be formed in him....that I may know him and the power of his resurrection....

We should consider our accomplishments, unimportant in comparison to our relationship with Christ. Which means, they are of no value compared to the greatness of knowing Jesus Christ through salvation. Our knowledge of, and growing truth in Christ, helps us to rise above all those things, that we have deemed important in our minds, that distracts us in our relationship with God.

As we grow in the knowledge of Christ, we understand how easy it is to be led away from the truth of our salvation by our own passion. The truth of our salvation, of creation, of redemption, through the blood of Christ, reminds us that it is only through him, that the fullness of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit is revealed unto us. There is nothing on this earth that can give unto us, what God the Father has given unto us through his Son, Christ.

Through God's grace, by faith, in Christ, we have become a part of his family. We now begin our journey in growing in Christ. Daily we are renewed in the new man, after the image of God, then, he enables us more and more, daily, to live unto his righteousness. This is the sanctification of God's will at work in our lives.

Colossians 2: 13 – 15,....and you being dead in your trespasses....he has made alive together with him....he has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross....

Boasting in the cross, means, the acceptance of salvation in our lives, which means the beginning, of the end, of sin in our life.

Romans 6:14,....sin shall no longer have dominion over us....,

Through daily sanctification, as we mature in our salvation, we continue to die to the temptations and enticements of sin, and, one day through Christ, we will be done with it, once and for all.

Christ, and the cross, is the greatest demonstration of God's love to mankind. To glory, or to boast in the cross, is to glory in God's love. God's love is powerful, it is divine. Anyone, and everyone may come to the cross, for remission of sin, to receive God's eternal love.

Acts 20: 22 – 24,....the Holy Spirit testifies....saying, that chains of tribulation await me....but none of these things move me....that I may finish my race with joy....to testify to the gospel of the grace of God....

The Holy Spirit compels us to go, meaning, that through his leadership, and guidance, and direction, we proceed to do the things in our life, that God has in store for us to do. The Holy Spirit also warns us of the hardships that we must encounter in our service, and in our work of the Lord. These warnings are not to put us in fear, or to turn us from doing the work of the Lord, but, so that we may prepare. Therefore it gives us opportunity to pray, to study, to meditate, to gain strength in the power of our salvation, so that as we encounter these hardships in our stewardship to Christ, that we will be victorious in overcoming those things that may come against us.

1 Peter 5: 8,....be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour....

Why do I want to boast in the cross. Because, the only other option is, to live for ourselves, in worldly sinful pleasure, here and now. This means, that one day, we will face Gods judgement, and wrath in hell, for eternity. If we try to save our own life by living for ourselves, we will lose it.

Matthew 16: 25,....for whosoever will save his life shall lose it, and whosoever will lose his life for my sake, shall find it....

As a redeemed sinner, every good thing, was obtained for us by the cross of Christ. Therefore, everything that we enjoy in our spiritual life, everything that we rejoice in, all the blessings that are bestowed upon us, were purchased for us, at the cost of the death of the Son of God, on the cross. So, therefore, with every breath that we take, every moment we see through spiritual eyes, and hear with spiritual ears, and speak with a heavenly tongue, we do so in boasting in the cross of Christ.

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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