

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.

Living Peaceably with all Men – Part 1

Romans 12: 14 – 21

How should we, as believers, live our lives among all those around us, whether they are believers or non believers. What does it require of us, to live in such a way, that every action that we make, is what God would want and have us to do. We must put aside our own ego's, pridefulness, desires, and prejudices that get in the way, and, be willing to admit our wrongdoings, and use our ability to apologize, to make things right, and to forgive. Which means, we should not do wrong by, or towards other people. This does not mean that all conflict in our lives is related to wrong doing, but, sometimes it is just a simple disagreement concerning issues that we have no absolute answer to. We must not compromise our truth of the gospel, but we also must represent Christ, according to his mercy and grace, so that it may bring an outcome favorable to God.

Romans 12: 14 – 21,....bless those who persecute you....rejoice with those who rejoice....weep with those who weep....be of the same mind....do not be wise in your own opinion....repay no one evil for evil....live peaceably with all men....do not avenge yourselves....vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord....do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good....

The life of a Christian, is meant to be lived, by and through the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of Gods word. We must rely upon the application of the gospel, by the indwelling Holy Spirit, using him as our guide in all spiritual matters. I say spiritual matters, due to the fact that we as believers, should not allow worldly matters to any longer rule in our lives, living according to the Holy Spirit. This means our hearts are set on the things that God desires.

Romans 8: 5,....for those who live according to the flesh set their minds on things of the flesh, but those who live according to the spirit, the things of the spirit....

This is the transformation that occurs when our minds are renewed through salvation. As we align our thoughts with Gods thoughts, we will begin to see his spirit manifest itself within our lives.

Isaiah 55: 9,....far as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts....

Although God is a sovereign God, which means that he is supreme, it does not mean that he is unable to be understood, but, it does mean that we will not be able to fully understand or comprehend his supreme being, due to our earthly limitations. As we begin to understand Gods grace toward us, the more likely we are to extend that grace to those around us. This does not mean that we should seek to please humanity, but that we should live righteously, according to the will of God, that others may see his saving grace of salvation within and through ourselves.

Matthew 5: 16,....let your light so shine before men, that hey may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven....

Our goal is to exalt Christ in our bodies.

1 Corinthians 6: 19,....do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God....

Our desire is one, that the non believer, would come to know the same mercy and grace, that we found at the cross, through our testimony of the gospel of Christ Jesus, and our motivation, to prayerfully bring them to repentance.

As we look at this passage of scripture through the next couple weeks, we will learn some of the principles that the word of God teaches us, concerning how to live peaceably with all men. Those principles include, blessing, humility, trusting, and doing good works, which reflect all the abilities that we must apply to live peaceably with all men. The only way that we can hope to do this is, to put our trust in others, the same way that Christ has put his trust in us.

Matthew 5: 44,....love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you, and persecute you, that you may be Sons of your Father in heaven....

We must always remember that before we received Christ saving grace, we were adversaries of the cross, meaning that we were just the opposite of what Christ and the cross stands for. Instead of receiving the condemnation that we deserved, we received mercy and grace. That is due to Christ, who humbled himself, who became as one of us, he lived his life among us, he rejoiced with us, he wept with us, and became part of humanity, so that humanity could return unto him, and become once again part of the body of Christ. Willingly he died for us, while we were yet sinners, so that we might have eternal life. Christ removed the wall of separation between ourselves and the Father, so that now through Christ, we might remove the wall of separation between ourselves and those around us, so that others may see Gods good works within us, as we direct it toward them, and then begin to glorify the Father which is 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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