

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.

We might serve Christ without Fear

Luke 1: 74 – 75

Recognizing Gods calling in our lives, can be one of two things, joyful or fearful. We often wonder about Gods calling on our life and the things that he has called us to do. If we allow this fear of service to the Lord to over come our obedience to Christ in our Christian life, it can hinder our faith in him and therefore cause us to doubt in our spiritual promises given unto us from God. As servants of Christ, we have been given gifts, talents, and abilities, to use in the furtherance of salvation, and to give glory to God. It is God who hath given unto us, these unique gifts, to bring the gospel of salvation to lost souls. All gifts, whether we deem them to be great or small, are significant, and are always to be used for the glory of God. Fearfulness comes, due to our lack of faith in Christ. If we allow it, this fearfulness will dictate how we live our life in our service to God and allow worldliness to have dominion over us. Gods word reminds us that:

2 Timothy 1: 7,....for God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind....

He has not given us the spirit of fear, and that through his power we might overcome the fear and rejection, the failure and criticism, that we allow to hinder us in our service to God. We must remember that God is bigger than all our fears, and, will deliver us from them.

The scripture that I would like to look at today comes from:

Luke 1: 74 – 75,....to grant us, that we, being delivered from the land of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life....

As being human, we are going to have worldly fear in the midst of our service to God. Experiencing this fear is not a sin, allowing this fear to control our lives, and to keep us from doing the will of God will bring about sinfulness in our life.

We must learn that our obedience to God cannot come, because it is the right thing to do, but it must come because of our true love, faith, and trust in God.

God has granted unto us, by delivering us from the worldliness and sinfulness in our life, that through our faith in him he now has given unto us the power, by his love, that came unto us through Christ and the cross, the gifts, the talents, and the abilities, to serve him, without fear.

2 Timothy 2: 24 – 26,....if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they, may come to their senses, and escaped the snare of the devil....

Our salvation, which comes through Gods act of granting unto us repentance, is a free gift from God. In order, for it to be a free gift it must be accepted and received, by humanity, in order for man to participate in it, and to enjoy it. Man must accept the responsibility of salvation, in order to gain eternal life, lest the rejection of this free gift bring about eternal separation from God in hell.

Understanding this will help us to be a faithful servant to God, without fear, able to:

2 Timothy 2: 24 – 26,....be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility, correcting those who are in opposition....that they may know the truth....that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil....

1 John 5: 11 – 13,....this is the testimony, that God has given unto eternal life, and this life is in his Son....that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God....

This is the truth, that brings us to our senses, and allows to know that through salvation, we are going to have an eternal life in Christ. We must allow God to remove all fear, and all doubt, and understand that the truth of our salvation is to:

Matthew 22: 37 – 40,....love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind....you shall love thy neighbor as thyself....

Can we as Christians, quote these scriptures, with spiritual honesty. Can we as Christians express our love for God in such a way that shows our total commitment of the heart, soul, and mind. We might say yes to this, but in all spiritual honesty, if we cannot perform the second, we cannot say yes to the first. It is the spirit of love that makes salvation and eternal life possible to all mankind.

As Christians, we must believe, and follow after the truth of our salvation without fear. This means to be obedient to the word of God.

1 John 4: 12,....if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love has been perfected in us....

How do we know when the love of God is beginning to perfect itself in us. Why must we study, meditate and pray, it is not just to say that we know the word, but to allow the word to begin to make positive changes in our lives. We must remember, this is Christ himself, and he wants to change our life for the better.

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

In order, to serve Christ, without fear, we must step out in faith, everyday, and in everything that we do, whether it be through prayer, study, and meditation in the word of God, or through witnessing, preaching and teaching. Satan, allows the world to see our fears, and to attack those vulnerabilities that we have in our life. And although he cannot remove the gifts, talents, and abilities that God has given unto us through salvation, through deception and fear, he can cause us to be Christians, that are hearers only, and never allow the light of our salvation to shine forth, so that others may see the goodness, greatness, grace and mercy of God, within us. Let us pray that we might serve God without fear.

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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