

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 3

Romans 12: 14 – 21

Today, we will look at the meaning of living in harmony with one another. This can only take place as we genuinely show Gods love and care for each other, and the willingness to associate this care for all of those around us. The secret to a joyful, spiritual life is, serving each other, with the same desire, that we would have, as if we were serving the Lord. Keeping to our spiritual perspective, which is the hope of eternal life, not only for ourselves, but for all of humanity. This will enable us to live in harmony with one another.

Romans 12: 15,....rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep....

In order, to perform these acts of compassion in our life in Christ, we must have spiritual understanding. As Christians, we should be conquerors of spiritual understanding. In order, to be conquerors, then we must always seek after the will of God, in all that we do. We are commanded in Christ to be obedient, and submissive, not only to him, but to teach others, the quality of these characteristics. We show Gods love and understanding by our own abilities in our salvation, through the Holy Spirit, that in recognizing the emotional state of those around us, we are always willing to give of ourselves in Christ, in their time of passion. Our salvation is always, God first and others second, because our needs as Christians living in the will of God is always met.

All humanity has situations in their lives, that need our spiritual compassion, our prayers, and our understanding in God, concerning the events that are going on in their lives, and around them, in their lives. We are able to show our spiritual understanding and compassion unto others, only by, either, having been allowed by God to experience it ourselves, or through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, by the word of God, we are able to see how it would affect us, if we were going through the same circumstances in our life. God will bring things to mind, in order to prepare us for things that are going to take place, not only in our lives, but also things that are going to take place in the lives of those around us, so that he is able to work through us for the good of his saving grace in their life.

1 Peter 3: 15,....sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense (explanation) to everyone who ask you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear....

In order to have compassion, in order to show compassion, which we have gained through our spiritual understanding, that can only come through the wisdom and knowledge of God's word, then continual sanctification must be an ongoing process in our heart. This means, that we allow God to provide his will in our life daily. Without daily sanctification from God, we are unable to have a reason to hope in our own life, therefore offering an explanation of hope from within ourselves, especially through meekness and fear, meaning with the reverence of God, would be impossible. Our reason of hope from within, which has had a great spiritual impact on our lives, will have a deeper meaning to those that God has brought us in contact with, a deeper meaning then just presenting unto them words or phrases that we have picked up along the way in our Christian life. The defense that God allows humanity to see, which is the difference between that of the believer and that of a non believer, is the characteristic of our spiritual hope. Hopefulness and joyfulness is not a normal response to worldly suffering by humanity, but should be a natural response in our every day life as a Christian.

As God's children, we should be properly prepared, to give a ready answer to anyone who ask about our faith and trust in God. We must always be equipped to talk about God's saving grace, and to share, the blessed hope of salvation, and the way to salvation.

2 Timothy 2: 15,....preach the word, be instant in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching....

We are to be ready when it is convenient, we are to be ready when it is not convenient. This is due to the times that, when proclaiming the truth of the gospel, we might be in an awkward situation, or in a difficult situation, or even in a situation where complete denial and resistance of the word of God is the worldly response that we are receiving. We must learn that no matter what, if it is in rejoicing or sorrow, true spiritual leadership, comes through our spirit filled patience.

Rejoicing and weeping go hand in hand in this life that we live. Christ himself rejoiced deeply with those he came in contact with, and also wept sympathetically with others. He did not restrain the joys of others, nor did he shame those that were going through sufferings in their lives.

As Christians, we should be like minded, always recognizing the powerful truth of our salvation, while we pull some, and push some, but always going in the same direction, and that direction is toward Christ and the cross.

1 Corinthians 12: 25 – 27,....there should be no separation in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another....now you are the body of Christ, and members individually....

Division or separation goes against all that is just and righteous in the presence of God. If all the parts of the body of Christ do not work together toward the same eternal ending, then the body is not working as God has intended. Each part of the body, honors not only God, but honors each of the other parts of the body, by rejoicing with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep. It takes all of these individuals to make up the body of Christ, each individual has their own unique roll, but, all are of equal value and importance to God.

Christ, who is the head of the body, and is over the body, desires that we as believers consider the needs of others before our own, Coming together in unity, with the power to maintain, and to prevail in his love, considering the needs of others before our own.

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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