

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 4

Romans 12: 16

For believers to live in harmony with each other, requires humility. Humbleness comes by, not only submitting to the word of God, but also by, seeking to apply the word of God in our lives. This application means that, we are willing to meet people where they are in their spiritual life, not in the place that we determine they should be. We remember, that Christ, who was fully God, humbled himself to step into humanity, where we are, giving up the glory of heaven, to come, and to redeem mankind, humbling himself, becoming obedient to death, so that we might experience firsthand, the trueness of the love of God.

John 15: 13 – 17,....for greater love hat no man than this, that a man lay down his life for a friend...

Just as Christ, considered humanity his friend, we are to have the same mindset of Christ, to consider and to value the soul of a man above ourselves.

Romans 12: 16,....be of the same mind toward one another. Do no set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion....

What is the secret of getting ahead in this life. Most would think worldly gain when answering this question, but as for the believer, it is putting others ahead of ourselves, and serving each other, just as if we were serving the Lord. This eternal perspective, that we must consider, will enable us to live in harmony with each other, caring for each others needs, just as if it was the Lord standing before us.

Mark 9: 35,....and he (Christ) sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, if anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all, and servant of all....

Christ himself, showed us by example, that glory does not come until after suffering and death. Christ glory came, but not until he suffered and died a cruel death on the cross, so that we might be able to do the same, just by believing in him. Becoming a servant to all, equips us to encourage others to remain steadfast in the will of God, so that we may be effective in our Christian life in times of trials and tribulations. Just as Christ life was an ongoing demonstration of his teachings, so should our life be an ongoing demonstration of our life in him.

Christ endured all that the world had, and still he continued to respond with the love of the Father.

1 Corinthians 15: 58,....be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain, in the Lord....

We must die to worldliness, in order to be resurrected in Godliness, remembering, that there is no spiritual passion in our life without being resurrected into Godliness.

So, what is the truth of our spiritual compassion. It is the mystery of the cross, our salvation. Christ, who at the cost of his own life, did so, in order to identify with all of humanity, so that he might enter into a deep spiritual relationship with us, all for the glory of the Father.

1 Corinthians 1: 10,....now I plead with you brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement....

Disagreement among believers does not have to mean division. There can be disagreement in the body of Christ and still be unity. As we conform to his will, as we humble ourselves in righteousness, we begin to become as of the same mind toward one another in the love of God. We no longer value our own opinion, so that with one mind, and one voice, we might glorify God.

Ephesians 4: 1 – 3,....walk worthy of the calling with which you were called....endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace....

As believers, we are to live a life, which honors God, and in a manner, that is becoming of our heavenly calling. The greatness of our calling, in Christ, is that which constrains us, or keeps us on the pathway of Gods will. Our eternal calling is greater than any worldly privilege, purpose, event, or challenge in our life.

The greatest threat to the body of Christ today is not the happenings that are going on in the world around us, it is a lack of unity of the spirit, in the bond of peace. We have the tendency to define ourselves, by allowing our emotions, our opinions and the opinions of others, along with personal choices, instead of Gods choices for our lives, to become what divides us in the body of Christ. We must remember that God is in control, and all of these happenings, he has allowed, so that the body of Christ, can begin once again to define itself through unity. Unity that comes through prayer, and the doctrine of our salvation, because of Christ and the cross, which is given unto us through the saving grace of God, that came in the written word, the gospel of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 13: 11,....Finally brethren, farewell, become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you....

In Christ, we are all very well taken care of and provided for, as we live according to the word of God.

Matthew 6: 33,....seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you....

For this reason, we are to comfort one another, and accept the responsibility for one another in Christ. It is this form of Godliness, that keeps us united in Christ, and keeps the body of Christ united. We are instructed to live together in brotherly love and peace, maintaining Godly harmony, remaining united together, with one mind, committing each other to the Lords safe keeping. In doing so, the Lord graciously bestows upon spiritual gifts, which are used for the glory of God. For this, we have been given eternal life, and an everlasting inheritance, that is reserved for us 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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