

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 5

Romans 12: 11 – 21

What does it mean to lead the life of a living sacrifice to God. If we are honest with ourselves, we will find that it is very difficult, to set ourselves aside, especially for the good of our fellow Christian brothers and sisters. God commands us to be strong in our convictions to love one another. We will always have opportunities to grow in the virtues of Christ, which come by, going to throne of grace, so that we may respond to others, with patience, mercy, longsuffering, compassion, goodness, and love. It is in these times that the Holy Spirit will strengthen us, through the word, so that we can deny the worldliness, humble ourselves, through obedience, and become a living sacrifice to God.

Romans 12: 17 – 21,....repay no one evil for evil....if it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men....do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good....

In our lives as Christians, we must resist our natural human instincts and see every moment as an opportunity to demonstrate and display the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ saving grace.

Philippians 1: 19 – 21,....according to my earnest expectation and hope is that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be manifested in my body....for to live is Christ....

Our desire should be that all humanity would come to know the same mercy and grace that we found at the cross. Our spiritual desires, which are founded on Godly principles, through the salvation of Jesus Christ, is the desire to lift up the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, through earnest prayer, and to reflect the love of God, through the unity of the spirit, so that God may be glorified.

Romans 8: 28,....and we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose....

Loving God is a great part of what it means to live in Christ, which is who we are in knowing, that each of us is called to fulfill Gods purpose.

What is this purpose of God within us. This purpose is, that in each and every circumstance, that we must experience in our Christian life, God causes all things to work together, through all circumstances, toward a specific end, which is eternal life.

1 Thessalonians 5: 15 – 16,....always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all, rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you....

As Christians, we look for opportunities to forgive and to bless, even though each of us has offended in our salvation in Christ, who died for us, who forgave us, and who gave us everlasting life. For this reason, we reflect on the grace and kindness that Christ has blessed us with, despite the offences that we have committed.

Colossians 3: 12 – 13,....as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering, bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if any one has a complaint against another, even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do....

The word states, that we as believers, are, Gods chosen people, holy, and now set apart from the world, beloved by him, through the salvation of Christ Jesus. We are to have a compassionate heart, filled with love for others. We are to be kind, and show moral goodness to others. We should have a humble heart, always recognizing Gods sovereignty and supremacy in all things. We should show kindness and meekness, always to be in control of our emotions, and in our actions toward others. Last, but not least, we should show patience, bearing with one another in all things.

Our testimony to a watching and waiting world should produce all such qualities. Although we cannot be responsible for the actions and behavior of others, we can in ourselves as believers, live at peace with everyone. We can only accomplish this through the testimony of our mind, in God, through his word. As his thoughts become our thoughts, through prayer, through meditation of his word, then the more that we begin to understand God's grace toward us and in ourselves, the more likely we are to offer this mercy and grace to those around us. Through understanding, and applying the word of God in our lives, by the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we learn that we are not seeking to please through worldliness the nature of mankind, but, we are learning to live righteously, according to the principles of his word, as a living testimony to all humanity. With this, then we are able to, as it is only possible through Christ Jesus, as much as depends upon ourselves, to live peaceably with all men.

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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