

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Adult Sunday School Lesson

12.6.2020

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.

The Testimony of John

## John 1: 15 – 28

Sinners, or those who are sceptic of true salvation, will tend to ask questions that are not really questions that show interest in the truth, they are just questions of interrogations, which they use in trying to promote their own ideas over Gods saving grace. We as Christians must be clear about who we are, and who we are not. We must also be clear about who Christ is, so that we may be able to point others to Christ, who is the only one that can provide Gods saving grace. Remembering that we may be the single messenger that someone might hear, a single voice, sent by Christ, through the working of the Holy Spirit, to announce the word of the gospel of salvation, which is eternal life.

**John 1: 22,....**then said they unto him, who art thou, that they may give an answer to them that sent us, what sayest thou of thyself....

As we look at this week's lesson, we see a man named John, who the word says, bares witness of Christ. He was born before Christ into this world, but, because Christ is eternal, he existed before John, and because he is the second person of the holy trinity, he is the preferred one over all humanity.

We as believers have become a type of John the Baptist. We have accepted and understand the salvation of God, and the plan of God. We are commissioned to teach the basic principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are to be obedient, humble, and dedicated to the word of God and his eternal plan.

**2 Timothy 1: 8 – 9,....**therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord....who has saved us and called us with a holy calling....to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus, before time began....

Many believe that God chose certain individuals to receive eternal life, and that everyone else is sentenced to a state of eternal condemnation. Even though God has predestined us, this does not mean that he chose the ones that he is going to give eternal life to, and who he is going to condemn to an eternal hell. Gods election to us, is not to eternal life, we must accept that through salvation, his election to us is to servitude, in his plan and purpose of eternal life, once that we have accepted salvation.

**Jerimiah 1: 5,....**before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee, and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto all nations....

God knew us before there was an us to be known. Even though we did not deserve it, God consecrated us, and set us apart. Therefore, we pray for mercy, for grace, for courage, for strength, in all things in our life, and in the body of Christ. We must learn to trust in him and his purpose for ourselves, because we are his workmanship.

**Ephesians 2: 10,....**for we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before hand, that we should walk in them....

**Revelation 1: 22,....**So, who are we in the Lord,

If we back up to:

**John 1: 12,....**but as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become the children of God, to those who believe in his name....

First and foremost, I am a child of God. If we do not believe in him, if we do not receive him, then we are not in Christ Jesus, because he is not in us. Salvation is the key to our life in Christ.

**John 15: 15,....**no longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing, but I have called you my friends, for all things that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you....

I am a child of God, I am a servant of God, but due to spiritual maturity, which has come through the obedience to his word, I have gained wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, which has allowed me to surpass any meaningless relationship that I might have had, so now I am called a friend of God, because I share in all things.

**1 Peter 4: 12 – 13,....**do not think it strange....as though some strange thing has happened to you....rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ sufferings, that when his glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy....

**Revelation 1: 22,....**what sayest thou of ourselves....

Or, what do we have to say for ourselves, or about ourselves. When answering this question we stop and pause for a moment to allow God to speak to our heart in this matter, because to many of us find ourselves basing our self worth on how others see us and the accomplishments in our lives. We must learn to see ourselves as God sees us. This means, we must adjust our thinking, to be conformed as to the foundation, of the word of God. Not only should my words be Gods word, but my actions should be Gods word as well.

**1 Peter 1: 15,....**but as he who called you is holy, you all be holy in all your conduct....

We should live our lives to show Gods love to others, not so that others will love us, and that we may determine our worldly self worth because of it. Nothing is based upon what we do, but what God has already accomplished in Christ Jesus. We must not allow worldly actions to control our lives, it is very important for us to identify in these situations, whether we are experiencing worldly emotional feelings or healthy spiritual conviction from the Holy Spirit. This conviction helps us to see those things in our lives that are not pleasing to God, and will prompt us to confess our sins, and once again experience the love and forgiveness that God has provided for us in Christ Jesus.

**1 John 1: 9,....**if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness....

The greatest honor that we have in our salvation, is to deny oneself, and give that honor to Christ, who is the fullness of God in us.

**Matthew 16: 24,....**if anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me....

Like John, we should be quick to point out, that we are no more than one voice chosen to announce Christ and his coming. We must live our lives in a way that will point others to Christ, for Christ is the only access to God.

**John 14: 6,....**Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh to the Father, but by me....

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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