

Mt. Lebanon Church.

Gods Grace

Grace and the Revelation of Christ as seen through the Heart of John - Part 4

The Throne Room in Heaven

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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 have 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 bible study.

John 1: 1 – 18.

Revelation 4: 1 – 11

Now that we have looked at the letters to the churches, and the church age, we are going to get a glimpse of what is going to happen beyond this last church age which is the church age that we are now living in. In this passage of scripture, we are given an amazing insight into the future of the church. We are also given a vision of the church and the heavenly throne room of God, and the worship of the lamb of God. This is not just a picture of worship but shows us how that we are to come before the throne of God, because he is the supreme and sovereign Lord over all.

Hebrews 4: 14 – 16,....let us therefore come boldly before the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in the time of need....

Christ our heavenly mediator is filled with compassion and goodness. He is not only the one who created the universe, but also the one who died and rose again, so that by faith in him, we may come to that throne of grace. It is not due to our own merit, or worthiness, that this gracious invitation has been extended unto us. It comes only through Christ, who took upon himself the sin of the world, so that we might be saved by his grace. By faith in Christ, we have been justified, forgiven, and clothed in his righteousness. This is a vision of God, enthroned on his seat of mercy and grace, granting peace, and pardon, and forgiveness, to all who will believe on his name.

This vision gives us the essence of what Christ was trying to explain to us through the letters to the churches, relating to all humanity as individuals, and how that we are to live our lives upon this earth. Christ, through this vision that was given unto John, explains the true meaning of him teaching his disciples how to pray, and what to pray for.

Matthew 6: 9 – 13,....after this manner therefore we pray ye, Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven....

Because of Christ and the cross, Gods kingdom will come. We must remember that the reality of heaven is much greater than the description given unto us, by the inspired revelation of Jesus Christ. Here we see a throne room in heaven, a place of worship, which identifies with the likeness of the glory of the Lord. Worshiping God, proclaims his glory, honor, and power to all, glorifying the one who created all things, and the one who provided eternal life to all who will accept. All believers, have the opportunity to recognize God on his throne, our mindset should be one of continual worship to God. This is the will of God, it is not a commanded will, but a voluntary response to his mercy and grace which gives unto us salvation and eternal life.

John 3: 27 – 36,....a man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven....he must increase, but I must decrease....

In order, for Gods will to be done on earth, there must be sacrifice. Since God has already given unto man the ultimate sacrifice to ensure that his will might be done, it now becomes our responsibility to carry out his eternal plan here upon the earth. Although this must happen with humanity as a whole each one of us, as individuals, must accept his own responsibility of sacrificing worldliness, in order to receive the saving grace of Jesus Christ. He must increase, I must decrease. Christ must become increasingly important, while our own worldly desires must become less and less significant in our spiritual maturity. We must resist the temptation to become great in the sight of those around us, so as not to diminish the importance of Jesus Christ and his saving grace.

When we give Christ his rightful place in our lives, then we can be sure that we are in the will of God and serving his purpose in our lives.

1 Timothy 2: 1 – 6,....that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life in all Godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth....

This vision is not just about what will happen in the future, but also, what is happening in the church today. How we practice our faith, how we serve God in the church, should be all about Gods wonder, and his worship, because, it is his church, and should be run in the manner in which he desires it to be run. It is not about what we feel, or, our needs or desires, but it is about the intentions that Christ has for the church.

Luke 2: 49,....and he said unto them, how is it that ye sought me, wist ye not that I must be about my Fathers business....

It is not Gods will that anyone should parish, but that all should come to a knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Gods desire is that all sinners would repent, and turn from sin by trusting in Christ, and that those who are already justified, would grow in grace, live Godly lives, and turn from anything that may hinder their spiritual growth.

Sadly, there is, and always will be those who reject the truth of the gospel and do not, or will not acknowledge that there is only one true God, and mediator between God and man, and that is Jesus Christ. For this reason, not only do we see Gods love and compassion for all men, but we also see a God of justice, which shows the truth of his condemnation to those who choose to reject his offer of salvation.

Revelation 4: 1,....a door standing open in heaven....first voice which I heard....come up here and I will show you things which must take place after this....

This open door assures all humanity that God has made heaven accessible to all, who will believe upon the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Christ himself is the door.

John 14: 6,....Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me....

John 10: 7 – 10,....most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep....I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved....

As believers, we hold the assurance that we will enter into the kingdom of God one day. Having the ability to see this door through the wisdom and knowledge of the word of God while living here upon this earth, gives unto us our eternal hope.

1 Thessalonians 4: 15 – 18,....for the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout....and with the trumpet of God....shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words....

The word of God shows us the throne room in heaven through Christ, who is the open door. As Christians, we are to be a witness of this open door, by accepting the opportunities to share the gospel of Christ with those around us. In order, to experience the vision that John saw, we must make the same decision that John made. We must listen to that first true voice and accept the invitation from God, to come up here.

Experiencing our salvation, allows us to plainly see that as we approach the throne room, that we are in the presence of an eternal, divine God. We are reminded that God loves all mankind and calls him to repentance through faith in his Son. In this we rejoice forever more.

Revelation 4: 11,....you are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they exist and were created....

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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