

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

1.3.2020

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.

Jesus First Miracle

John 2: 1 – 11

Why did Christ perform miracles. They were specifically meant to prove that he is the Son of God. In this case the gift of the water into wine was for the bride and the groom of the wedding, but the miracle itself, was to reveal unto his disciples, the power of God, so that they would believe. In a world full of deception, where the love of many has grown cold, Christians are instructed to live their lives according to the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We are able to do this through, and by the miraculous power of God, which is displayed in, and through the abilities given unto us by the Holy Spirit.

John 2: 1 – 11,....and the third day there was a marriage in Cana....both Jesus was called, and his disciples....this beginning of miracles....manifested forth his glory, and his disciples believed in him....

As Christians we are ambassadors of Christ in this world. Everything that we say and do, reflects either positively or negatively on the Lord himself. In Gods strength, we are instructed to develop a mind that is patient and kind. A life that is not unbecoming, nor easily provoked, and does not take into account, any of the wrongs that we have suffered. We are commanded to be Christlike, by developing the mind of Christ, for we have the indwelling Holy Spirit within us, so that the greatness of his power within, will be of God and not of ourselves.

1 Corinthians 13: 4 – 8,....love suffers long and is kind, love does not envy, love does not parade itself, is not puffed up, does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil, does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth, bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, love never fails....

How ironic it is that Christ first miracle is providing a gift of new wine at a wedding, and it comes through the faith of his disciples.

So, lets talk a little bit about marriage and how that the constitution of marriage depicts the relationship between Christ and the church, which is made up of the body of Christ, and, how important it is that the body of Christ becomes complete, so that the wedding ceremony might began to take place.

Ephesians 5: 22 – 32,....wives submit to your husbands....for the husband is the head of the wife, as also Christ is the head of the church, and he is the savior of the body....husbands love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for her, that he might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that he might present her to himself, a glorious church....this is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church....

Christ relationship with the church is to bring the church into a greater realm of holiness. Gods desire, is that we come before him with a clean heart. This process, which is our sanctification, begins with salvation, and will continue until our glorification takes place at the wedding feast of the lamb. This process takes a lifetime, our lifetime, to transform us into the likeness of Christ. Through the word we are cleansed, and then sanctified, so that eternally we will be glorified. Through salvation, we are made holy and blameless, transformed into his likeness, the likeness of the only begotten Son of God.

Matthew 22: 1 – 14,....the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a wedding for his son....the wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy....therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find invite to the wedding....for many are called but few are chosen....

This parable spoken by Christ, to his disciples, is a story of the history of salvation, depicted by the example of a wedding ceremony. It helps us to understand the difference between the kingdom of the world and the kingdom of God. There will be those who will accept, and there will be those who reject. All are invited, but there will be those that are invited, that will make excuses why that they will be unable to attend.

Romans 1: 20,....for the invisible things of him before creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse....

Mankind looks at the call of Christ to be something of an inconvenience, and Christians, often times fail to show mankind, the evidence of their relationship with Christ. This is why, Christ great commission toward us, is to go and make disciples of all nations.

Matthew 28: 18 – 20,....all authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age....

Due to what Christ has done on the cross, God bestowed upon him all authority, to give of his own eternal life to all those who would believe upon his name, making him the head of the body of Christ. For this, we as Christians have the confidence, that there is no power in heaven or on earth, that has not been placed under his supreme authority.

Philippians 2: 9 – 11,....God has highly exalted him and given him the name which is above every name that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow....and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father....

Luke 5: 36 – 39,....no one puts new wine into old wineskins....new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved....no one, having drank old wine, immediately desires new, for he says, the old is better....

The new wine is symbolic of the indwelling Holy Spirit which comes through salvation. It gives unto us a renewed love, and an intimacy with God. New wine means new harvest, and new harvest means celebration, in that which we know that Gods promises are being fulfilled. This new wine, or the indwelling Holy Spirit, brings in our season of miracles. Christ, explained to his disciples where the source of this new wine was going to come from, when he took of the Passover supper with them.

Luke 22: 14 - -20,....for I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes....this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you....

The blood of Christ, which established a new covenant for all of humanity, an inner transformation that cleanses us from all sin, that instills within us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, Gods word, and his will for us, in our life. Christ, who's blood was shed at the cross to cover all sin, who's veins, which through the resurrection, is now filled with new wine, which is the Holy Spirit, which we will share also in with him, when we drink of that fruit of the vine in the kingdom of God.

Revelation 19: 9 – 10,....blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the lamb....I am your fellow servant....worship God, for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy....

Christ has not yet celebrated the Passover in heaven. This will take place when he gathers his church, his bride, unto himself for the marriage feast of the lamb. This will be the fulfillment, of the manifestation of Christ glory in the kingdom of God.

Acts 16: 31,....believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household....

In order, to have saving faith, we must have an object to place our trust in, and there is only one object in which our faith must be placed, and that object is, Christ Jesus. Once saved, then our position in Christ is eternally secure and can never be taken away. We now are commanded to grow, and to mature in our faith, and that which we have believed in. Faith is the key that opened our understanding to a life in Christ. Now for that faith to grow we must pray, and meditate on the word of God. The word, which is our instruction manual, on how to stand by faith, walk by faith, run by faith, fight the good fight of faith, pray by faith, and live by faith. This word, given unto man by God, and manifested in Christ, to all who will believe upon his name.

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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