

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

1.24.2021

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 Hard Saying

John 6: 53 – 54, 60 – 71

Many people, who follow after Christ, will only show a small interest in what his saving grace is all about. This is why that, throughout the word of God, Christ challenges our spiritual motivation by helping us to understand the scripture, and to see what it really means to have complete faith in God. Salvation is not difficult to understand, but it is difficult for many to accept. Faith in Christ, is the one and only way to accomplish salvation. The challenge to every believer which comes through worldly difficulties, and the lack of understanding in Gods word is due to the fact that, what he is showing us in his word conflicts with our own human perceptions. We must learn to trust in God, and in his word for all things in our life. For his word is life, and hope, and peace, and his salvation is eternal life.

John 6: 53 – 62,....many....of his disciples, when they heard this, said, this is a hard saying, who can hear it....

In our Christian life, is the truest things that we must learn from the word of God, and is the hardest things to discern. Christ makes sure that those who desire to seek after him, know of the sacrifices involved. For this reason, he challenges each one, to fervently pray, to study, to meditate, to ask for Gods wisdom, knowledge and understanding, so that we may rightly divide the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2: 15,.....study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth....

Christ understood, and still knows, that many people take offence to his word and the true teachings of his word. Even though this is the response that he received upon this earth, and often times the same response in which we receive in our life today, Christ did not change or alter in any way his teachings, which came from God the Father. In this manner our reaction in our Christian life today is not to respond with confrontation and confusion to those around us, but to confront others, by challenging their understanding of the word of God.

1 Corinthians 1: 18 – 25,.....for the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to those who are being saved, it is the power of God....the world through wisdom did not know God....we preach Christ crucified....a stumbling block....and foolishness, but to those who are called....Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men....

John 6: 63,.....it is the spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing, the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life....

True belief in Christ requires one to accept the truth of who Christ is, to receive it fully, and absolutely within their heart. God the Father gave his only begotten Son to die for all humanity. Christ the Son, paid the penalty of our sin debt on the cross, taking away that which was a wall of separation between us and God. The Holy Spirit transforms us, by indwelling within us through Gods redemptive saving grace and bringing with him the gifts of Gods goodness and greatness, which provides unto us the qualities of our spiritual life.

John 3: 4 – 7,....unless one is born of water and the spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God....do not marvel that I said to you, ye must be born again....

Our tendency is to rely on everything but the spirit. Wealth, possessions, physical pleasures, relationships with the world, make the idea of salvation, as a free gift of God, difficult for many to grasp. True salvation comes through the spirit. It regenerates us, it transforms us, and so our new life in Christ begins. The spirit that gives us life, draws us to Christ, it exalts him as Lord and Savior over our life, it empowers his word within us, to strengthen us, and to help us to, mature spiritually. We worship the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who provides within us, the fullness of our salvation.

John 6: 65,....and he said, therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him, of my Father....

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

Christ, simple, yet profound statement, is one that calms the troubled heart, and fulfills Gods joy within us. Christ in his word, not only told us, of the way to the Father, but showed us the way, and that way was the cross of calvary. His shed blood, his selfless sacrifice, took away the immovable barrier between mankind and God. Without Christ we do not know where to turn. Christ who is the eternal God, is a life giving spirit and he is the truth that opens up our understanding of God, through his wisdom and knowledge. May we be willing to share the good news of Christ saving grace with all those whom the Lord may place within our path.

John 6: 68 – 69,....thou hast the words of eternal life, and we believe an are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God....

Faith must be present for the works of Christ to be manifested. It is by faith in him, that we have eternal life through his salvation. We know that believing must come before knowing. So, we place our faith in him, we trust in him, we come to know him, the Son of the living, almighty God. We must strive to share the good news of our salvation with others. It is by Gods grace that allows us to labor more abundantly for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 3: 10,....that I may know him and the power of his resurrection....

We thank God, that we have, in our life, a living, resurrected, glorified Christ, seated at the right hand of the Father, in all his glory. As members of the body of Christ, we are eternally identified with him through his finished work on the cross.

We must persuade others to see through spiritual eyes, and hear through spiritual ears. The entire message of the word of God is a spiritual message. We should not limit ourselves to that which is physical and material in the world. A life lived in that which is fleshy and worldly is worthless and hopeless, and will never lead to eternal life. Our inability to comprehend and to understand God and his word, reveals our unbelief. It is possible to know all about Christ and his life, and still not trust in him as Lord and Savior. Although humanity thinks that they can come to Christ on their own terms, the truth of the reality is that, we must come to Christ on his terms. God, through the convicting power of the Holy Spirit causes mankind to come to the saving grace of Jesus Christ, through his grace and his mercy, in which we as believers fervently pray, that in this we may play an active role, to the glory of God.

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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