

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Adult Sunday School Lesson

2.28.2021

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.

A Display of Divine Glory

## John 11: 33 – 44

As believers nothing should keep us from confidentially expressing our faith in the power of Christ, and our trusting in his will that he is the promised messiah, who will answer our prayers even though oftentimes we ask for things that are greater than our understanding and faith. We must seek for and pray for a faith that is greater than our feelings and our understanding, knowing that when we ask in Jesus name, and faith believing, that God hears our prayers, and blesses us with his greatest wisdom and knowledge, in accordance, with the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. We do not always express the confidence and the faith in Christ that he would have us to express, but even through our disappointments, we must still show unto him our belief that we have in our salvation and eternal life.

John 11: 35,...Jesus wept....

Christ saw the pain and suffering of the people that physical death causes. Even though he knew this happening was to the glory of God, he deeply cared for his loved ones and felt their pain, therefore he had compassion for their loss. God never takes our pain lightly, even when he knows that he is going to restore everything that we have lost. The greatest gift that we can offer up to others, is our ability in Christ to give compassion to those who are hurting, and to share in their suffering.

**Matthew 22: 39 – 40,....**thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself....

**1 John 4: 11,....**beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another....

Having been redeemed by Christ, he sent his spirit to indwell within us, to abide in our heart, to seek out and to transform us into obedient and mature sons and daughters, so that we may have the same, compassionate, Godly nature as the Lord Jesus Christ himself.

Just as it was in Christ day, sadly, much of the church today, still operates in fear and not in faith. Due to this lack of faith Christ was saddened in his heart. Christ desire is that humanity will believe in him, and he knows that it is our faith that leads to salvation. What Christ truly wants from us in our faith, everything that we will ever need, he puts right in front of us, yet, we seem to miss it.

**Hebrews 11: 6,....**but without faith it is impossible to please him, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him....

To often, those who started out in their Christian life by faith, stop relying on the truth, of the word of God. Taking our eyes off God means that, we will begin to doubt his word. This allows man to become careless in seeking the Lord, and man begins to stray away from his love.

**Revelation 2: 4 – 5,....**never the less I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works....

Although our salvation can never be broken, our fellowship with Christ can be broken, when we let go of our life of trusting God, and our dependence on his word, and we begin to rely on our own strength. When we do not rely on the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will eventually fail. Too often, we try every conceivable way on our own before we will admit to needing help and seeking after God.

As Christians, the more that we trust in Gods word, and believe in his promises, the more that we will grow in his grace, mature in his faith, and walk in his spirit and truth. We must be determined to live our Christian life in a manner that is well pleasing to the Lord and glorifying to God. We may oftentimes weep over this sinful and corrupt world and over the things that are happening, but we must remember, that in Christ, we have a greater hope. We also must remember, Christ had to suffer, Christ had to endure pain, Christ had to weep, so that we would not have to.

**Psalm 126: 5- - 6**,....they that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth fourth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him....

Jesus, who had never known sin, became sin for all who would believe in him, so that in him we would become the righteousness of God.

**John 11: 40**,....Jesus saith unto her, said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God....

All of God's creation is made so that we may absorb the glory of God. This display of his glory demonstrates, how that we can give God the glory that belongs to him.

**1 Corinthians 10: 31 – 33**,....whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God. Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved....

Our actions should be as such that allows us to show our compassion to others, for their spiritual good, not their worldly happiness. This means that we should not act in such a way that would cause others to stumble spiritually, it is our goal to lead as many as possible to faith in Christ. When faced with choices in life, there are at least two things to consider, do my choices glorify God and do my actions have a detrimental effect on my fellow man.

**John 11: 41 – 42,....**Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always....

Mankind responds in various ways to Gods miraculous signs. Signs that offer up warnings and guidance, which some will accept, but others will not take the message seriously, thinking that it does not apply to them. What is the key to believing, it is faith. What is the key to our faith, it is being thankful. Our prayers do not always need to be a request, because our heavenly Father already knows what is going to happen, therefore our prayers oftentimes need to be that of, gratitude and thanksgiving, for those things that are taking place or going to take place in our lives. Our faith must not waiver, what seems to be impossible to us, is not impossible with God. Gods splendor and glory will leave a life changing impact on our hearts and minds. There are times that due to our lack of faith and understanding, that these life changing events in our lives will bring about disappointment and sadness. Through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are given wisdom, knowledge, and understanding in Gods word, so that our faith may increase, so that we may be able to see the joy, of the glory of God, being manifested in our lives.

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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