

Mt. Lebanon Church

Sermon

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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 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.

Our Role in the Cross

John 3:16

God, the Father sent the Son to save the world, the Son submitted to the Fathers will, and the spirit applies the work of redemption to the followers of Christ. Redemption is predestined by the Father, accomplished by the Son, and applied by the Holy Spirit. God did not withhold the Son, and the Son surrendered to the Father, yet the Father did not sacrifice the Son. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, all possess the same will, so therefore, while it is Christ and the cross, it is the will of all three persons. Christ took on the sin of the world and paid the price for all humanity. Wisdom was found, not beyond the cross, not above the cross, not below the cross, but in the cross. Christ became a servant of all, and thereby is exalted as ruler of all. The cross is where our sin debt is paid, and where Satan is conquered. The curse of sin and death, that belonged to us was placed upon Christ, so that we might obtain the blessing of salvation and eternal life. Because of Christ and the cross, the death and the resurrection death is swallowed up in victory. Christ and the cross, which was solely for us, he took our place, and on our behalf, became a curse for us who are the enslaved, the idolators, the adulterers, the murderers, this is the basis for our transformation. Because of the cross, the whole world has, the opportunity to be reconciled to God.

John 3: 16,....for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life....

All humanity had a part in the crucifixion of Christ, in that, what happened in Christ on the cross, took care of all that goes on in our life today.

It was God himself that purposed that the only way mankind's spiritual death could be reversed, was if a perfect, sinless man, was willing to pay an overwhelming price for sin. God, through his goodness, grace, mercy, and love, gave his only begotten Son to live a perfect life, and to die a sacrificial death, so that all who will believe in him will not be condemned, but live eternally. God loves the sinner, but cannot look upon sin, therefore he provided a substitute, to take the punishment that we deserve, so that there is no need for each and every one of humanity to perish, because salvation is open to all.

John 1: 29,....behold the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world....

Mankind see's the truth of Gods redemptive plan but is blinded to the fact that, Christ is the one who made the sacrificial offering to pay the price for the sin of all humanity. Just as it was in the beginning with Adam and Eve, due to deception, which in turn brought about transgression, humanity turned to worldliness. They rejected Gods unconditional love, turning their faith from Godliness to the sinful condition of the world.

2 Timothy 3: 5,....having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof, from such turn away....

Humanity, wants to be seen as good people, as spiritual people, as teachers, as preachers, as one who would give sound advice, but in fact, they reject the power of the Holy Spirit and the wisdom of God. We are disobedient to God because, we do not have a truthful relationship with him. A truthful relationship with God is accompanied by a form of Godliness which is the transformation of our lives. True faith will be evidence of our good works.

John 3: 30,....he must increase, I must decrease....

We must resist the temptation to become great in the sight of others, as not to diminish the importance of Christ. We must learn that we are not the one who man should follow, that must be Christ Jesus. We must testify to the truth, so that others may hear the truth with their ears and feel the truth in their hearts. When we are in the will of God, and serving his purpose in our lives, then we are becoming Christlike. We have decreased, he has increased.

Colossians 2: 14,....took it out of the way, nailing it to the cross....

God, through his grace, gave his only begotten Son, to take on the full and final punishment for our sins. He became the complete sacrifice for both, the sins which we have committed during our lifetime, and the sin nature that we have inherited, and carry in our very being. Christ provided the way, and the means, to become perfect and complete. Every accusation, by the world, against humanity, through Christ, was permanently nailed to the cross. In this world, we will never comprehend the complete importance, and value of Christ and the cross. Our sin was judged at the cross, never to be judged again. Christ, the one who took the punishment for our sin, now declares and covers us, in his righteousness.

1 Peter 2: 24,....he himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed....

Christ died as us, and in place of us. It was for our sins, that he bore the punishment for all humanity. Christ, who was sinless, took care of our past, present, and future, by identifying with all who will believe, that we might present ourselves to him, and live a true Christian life in the light of his salvation. Christ crucifixion, and resurrection, took down the wall of separation, so that we might be eternally united with the Father, clothed in his righteousness. The Lord Jesus Christ, who died for our sins, by suffering, the cruel physical punishment in his body, so that we might become spiritually whole.

Isaiah 53: 5,....but he was wounded for our transgression, he was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed....

Galatians 3: 13,....Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written, cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree....

The penalty for sin is death, and there is nothing that we can do, to pay that redemption price, to lift the curse of death. However insignificant that sometimes it may seem to us, disobedience to Gods word and rejecting Christ and the cross, means eternal separation from God.

Romans 6: 23,....for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord....

There is only one way that the curse can be lifted, and that is through the sacrifice of Gods only Son. Christ redeemed us, by dying in our place, by dying on a tree, receiving the wrath of the Father which was poured out upon him, and in our place he bore the full weight of the curse, so that we would not have to endure the persecution.

Galatians 1: 4,....who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father....

Just as it was in Christ day, humanity today still questions the authority of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Rather than accepting the gospel of Gods saving grace, mankind rejected it, by following, after emotional, religious symbolism, which man has to offer. The word of God points to Christ, who alone, is able, to fulfill the righteousness of God on our behalf, because he himself paid the price for our sin. By faith, we are redeemed, knowing that although we are incapable of doing anything ourselves, we are able, to do all things through Christ.

Philippians 4: 13,....I can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens me....

Christ gave himself, because it was the will of the Father, so that he might revive us, from this present evil age according to his will of the Father.

All of humanity played a role in the cross because, it was for all humanity that Christ died on the cross.

1 Corinthians 2: 2,....for I decided to know nothing among you, except Jesus Christ and him crucified....

Contrary to the belief of some, Christ death on the cross will never be in vain. From the fall of Adam and Eve in the garden, humanity has been, in need of redemption. Sin and disobedience became a part of this world, and with it came spiritual death. God, through his grace and his mercy, gave unto us a redeemer, and the promise of reconciliation, which brought about salvation, and the hope of eternal life. Through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, humanity, is able, to come back into a permanent relationship with God. We can only understand our role in the cross, when, we accept our role in the cross. Therefore, every Christian has shared in the redemptive suffering of Christ. Because of one sacrifice at calvary, many are untied in Christ, and accepted by the Father.

Luke 15: 4,....what man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he found it...

Because all had a role in the cross, all are important to the cross. We must all do are part as believers to show the importance of our role in the cross.

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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