

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.

This Means Me

2 Chronicles 7: 14 – 20

God knows our weaknesses and will always forgive those who are true and sincere in their repentance. God calls us into his perfection by his one and only Son, which he sent to be crucified upon a cross, to save us from our sins and bring us into eternal peace with him. God planned to bless us from the very beginning and has always provided for us. Due to our disobedience, he makes the promise that, when we stray, he will always hear and forgive. God has chosen all humanity to be the object of his love. God knows, that sometimes we will fail, but if we truly belong to him, we will humbly acknowledge that we have sinned, and will turn back unto him.

Luke 18: 10 – 14,....two men went up into the temple to pray....the pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are....and the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you this man went down to his house justified rather than the other....

Humanity believes that they can sin all that they want, as long as they repent every time. This is a false saying. The true believer has been given the desire by God, through the work of Holy Spirit, everything needed to transform their lives and to turn from their wicked ways, which will allow them to live according to the word of God.

Repentance means to confess our sins, to turn from our sins and this will lead to God's holiness. Holiness then comes through repentance. Many pray for a spiritual outpouring, and revival, when we should be praying for humility, repentance, and holiness. The Holy Spirit comes to indwell within those who repent which means that to see the work of the Holy Spirit, we must then see the saving grace of Jesus Christ come to all who will receive.

2 Chronicles 7: 14 – 20,....if my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land....

To understand the word of God takes more than just reading it, quoting it, or quoting someone else's interpretation of it. The word was not just written unto us, it was written for us. God's word has meaning, and authority, given for us, so that we may understand those things that were then and there, at that time, which was Christ and the cross, so that we may look to them, and apply them, here and now, in our life today. We must learn to study, and to meditate on God's word, through prayer, so that we will not find ourselves just reading and applying the word to circumstances and surroundings, without allowing the Holy Spirit to show unto us the true context of Christ himself.

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

The need for understanding Gods word is very great in this world. We must be on guard against those who twist and misapply the scripture to fit their own deceptive needs. Every Christian should make a serious effort to gain as much wisdom, knowledge and understanding as possible, of Gods precious word. To make a serious effort to study Gods word, we must meditate on it with reverence, prayerfulness, diligence, meekness, carefulness, trustfulness, truthfulness, and obedience.

Diligently studying the word will allow us to stand before God without shame. God is well pleased when we learn through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit to abide in his written word, carefully and correctly.

Psalm 119: 105 – 107,.... Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. I have sworn, and I will preform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgements. I am afflicted very much, quicken me, O Lord, according to thy word....

In the life that we live, there is going to be difficulties and dangers to face, as well as weaknesses within, which can cause us to be turned from the truth of God's word. God's word will provide a sure foundation upon which we are able to stand. We should do well to, not only read the word of God, but to learn the word of God, and to guard it within our hearts, for it is an instrument given unto us by God, to lead us into his pathway of holiness, and to guide us into his way of truth.

Ephesians 6: 10 – 20,.... wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand....and having done all to stand....your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace....that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel....that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak....

The gospel prepares the believer and makes him ready for spiritual battle. It gives unto us the ability to go where God would have us to go, and to do what God would have us to do. The word anchors us in the truth and allows us to help others who are facing spiritual deception. The word is our foundation that we stand firmly upon day by day and that is the gospel of the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Colossians 3: 15 – 17,.... and let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body, and be ye thankful. Let the word of God dwell in you richly in all wisdom....and what soever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him....

Salvation is promised unto us through Christ, and the goal of this body of Christ, who's faith is in God, is not about health, and wealth, and prosperity, but it is about bringing Gods message of the word, to the world, and it is for us as believers, to live according to the truthfulness of that word, as he has intended.

Humanity, by the conviction of the Holy Spirit, not only finds themselves in sin, but also finds themselves experiencing the consequences of that sin. As mankind humbles himself, and cries out to a compassionate, merciful Christ, and believes upon his saving grace, that comes through the crucifixion and the resurrection, then God brings unto them spiritual healing, and forgiveness. Through this, the body of Christ begins to grow, and to mature, and because of this we begin to understand that the word of God was not just written unto us, but it was written for us. This means me.

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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