

Mt. Lebanon Church

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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.

Without God We Would Not Exist

Genesis 1: 1

The very first statement that is brought unto us through the word of God is that there is a beginning, and that God created everything. This means, that humanity would not exist without God. In this same manner then, the controversy concerning whether God exist or not is pointless, and the statements proclaimed by mankind about his well being, and his abilities of such, with no supreme being or power, has no merit or truth. We, as believers, are the only ones that can understand this, due that the non-believer continually looks for ways to prove his existence without the presence of an almighty God. So, how do we as Christians, prove by example, that there is a God. It must come through faith and obedience in the word of God. We must not only have the faith to accept God, but, we must learn to understand his existence in our life. We can only understand his existence in our life, only if he truly does exists in our life, which is through salvation.

Ephesians 2: 8 – 9,....for by grace are you saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it a gift from God, not of works, lest any man should boast....

Ephesians 2: 12,....that at that time you were without Christ....having no hope and without God in the world....

In order, to believe in the existence of an almighty God, we must have faith, which can only come from God. So therefore, to say that there is no God, but, yet we exist, and this wisdom can only come through faith, which can only come from God. God, the one whom we did not believe in, but now we must believe, if we believe in ourselves.

Acts 17: 30,....and the times of this ignorance God winked at, but now commanded all men everywhere to repent....

1 Corinthians 1: 27,....but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty....

Although man was made in the image of God, man through the imagination of his own heart, still chooses to make Gods for himself. Therefore, what God started in making man in his own image, man, now because of his own sinfulness, decided he would make his own Gods, through his own imagination, according to his own sinful, corrupted thinking. Because of this, God now must command all mankind, to turn from this wickedness, to serve the true and living God. The simple gospel, that Christ died for sins, was buried, and rose again according to the word of God, cannot be compromised, for there is no other name given among men whereby we must be saved.

Acts 4: 12,....neither is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men, where by we must be saved....

Through Christ and the cross, God gave humanity a fresh start and now will no longer overlook man's sinfulness. Through God's grace and mercy, especially now in this grace dispensation period, we have been privileged with the ability to hear, and to accept the truth of the gospel of Christ. We now must seek to tell others about the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

1 John 2: 17,....and the world is passing away, and the lust of it, but he who does the will of God abides forever....

In order, to teach people about the saving grace of Jesus Christ, in order, to get them to understand salvation, in order, for humanity to understand the need for salvation, we must first get them to understand God, and his existence.

Genesis 1: 1,....in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth....

The bible shows us, God as the creator of the universe and creator of humanity itself. He is revealed through his law, through his wisdom, his grace, and his redemptive mercy. By his prophets, God speaks to humanity his word, his circumstances, and his many actions, reveals unto us his sovereignty and his mighty power. The only thing that God did not create was himself, he has always existed.

The book of Genesis, although the first book of the bible, was written by Moses, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. This book was written during a time that humanity was participating in the worship of the sun, moon, stars, seas, and other natural wonders. It was also written to those that believe in God and, those who believe that he is the creator of all things. It is given, so that we may better understand, not only our own existence, but also the existence of a sovereign, omnipotent, omniscience, omnipresent God, who has created everything that exist. Given unto us, through faith, so that we may be strengthened in his word, in order, to reveal unto others his existence.

Isaiah 44: 24,....thus says the Lord, your redeemer, and he who formed you from the womb, I am the Lord, who makes all things, who stretches out the heavens alone, who spreads abroad the earth by myself....

God means for us to understand him first and foremost as creator. No person, who claims to believe the word of God is the truth, can reject a belief in God. The bible encourages us to read, and to meditate, in order to understand and to enjoy the time that we spend in giving insight into the workings of an almighty God.

Psalms 19: 1 – 4,....the heavens declare the glory of God....there is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard....their words is to the end of the world....

The more we learn about how and why the earth was created, and structured, and how it works, the more we will fully grasp the power of God. Mankind, through his own ignorance, has ignored the vastness of the evidence, that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Instead, they have changed the glory of the incorruptible God into images made in the likeness of corruptible man.

Romans 1: 23 – 24,....professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man, and birds and four footed animals and creeping things. Therefore, God gave them up to uncleanness....

All men have been given proof of God, through creation, and through their own God given consciences, but most have failed to recognize this, and therefore would not become a believer, or a witness for the Lord. God has given unto us the holy scripture, which details his amazing plan of salvation, so that humanity might believe and be saved, by grace through faith.

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....

Psalm 14: 1 – 2,....the fool hath said in his heart, there is no God....the Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God....

The bible is not representative of the saying that there is no God. When David wrote this passage in the book of Psalm, he was referring to the deceptiveness of the wicked, who live and believe and behave in a manner that their belief is, that God does not notice their sinful acts. These wicked men believe that, God will not see their evil works. They also believe that they will never encounter any adversity but will continue to avoid any punishment or consequences from an almighty God.

Psalm 73: 11 – 12,....and they say how does God know, and is there knowledge in the most high, behold, these are ungodly, who are always at ease....

There are those that at first will declare confidence in God, but as time continues on this trust begins to falter. This comes mainly due to being envious of the prosperity of the world. Mankind sees the world as a place to avoid problems and pain, difficulties, and dangers, and all the while avoiding the lives of the Godly. Every man has the free will to either choose to do good or harden their heart to all that is holy and true. These choices however have eternal consequences. Humanity must choose between life and death, light, and darkness, good and evil, blessings and cursing's, forgiveness or condemnation, salvation, or eternal destruction. To often the search for worldly wealth causes us to trust in sinfulness, rather than placing our trust in the Lord, therefore submitting to the fact that there is no God, for this God has rebuked humanity for its corruption and its sinfulness.

Roman 3: 10 – 12,....there is none righteous, no, not one, there is none who understands, there is none who seek after God, they have all turned aside, they have together become unprofitable, there is none who does good, no, not one....

All are under sin, and every person will be judged by God, on the basis of their own choices. Therefore, those that are to be found under sin or guilty of sin will be deserving of Gods anger and wrath. For this, all people, without exception are in need of Gods saving grace. As believers, we rejoice that we have been saved by grace through faith in Christ. Trusting in Christ must never be viewed by us as an understanding that makes us deserving of the righteousness, of Christ. We must never see our salvation as something that we have earned, it is simply Gods gracious, unmerited free gift to all who will simply trust in the only begotten Son of God.

Acts 17: 22 – 31,....men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious....I even found an alter with this inscription, to the unknown God, whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you....hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth....that they should seek the Lord....and find him....we are the offspring of God....the times of this ignorance God winked at....but now commanded all men everywhere to repent....

Like in Paul's day, we are living in a day where mankind is always looking to discover something new. They promote what they feel that they are seeing through worldly eyes, as logical. Then through deceptiveness they exaggerate the emotional feelings of themselves, and others. Wealth, and happiness is being preached as, the ultimate goal in life. This unknown, that is ignorantly being taught by the world, gives unto the believer an opportunity to share with humanity the one true God. We begin by explaining that this God, who is the creator of heaven and earth, is the source of life for all mankind.

So, we preach, Christ and the cross, who is the image of the invisible God.

Colossians 1: 15 - 18,....he is the image of the invisible God, the first born over all creation. For by him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he may have preeminence....

John 1: 3,....all things were made through him, and without him nothing was made that was made....

So, have we proof that God does exist. Through salvation we see Gods creation, and we see that all worldly objects can and will change at times from things that are potentially going to happen to things that actually happen. The cause of that change must be something other than that of the object itself. The history of the universe, can be seen as an endless list of changes, but something has to initiate those changes, and that something had to be something that is unchangeable, and possess all the properties that these objects came to possess. This entity must be eternal, due to it is the root of all changes, changes that are necessary, and changes that must exist. This entity is God.

Psalms 90: 2,....before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, you are God....

Jeremiah 10: 16,....for he is the maker of all things....the Lord of hosts is his name....

Hebrews 11: 3,....by faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible....

Faith is defined not only by looking at the present and forward to the future, but also by looking back at the past.

Hebrews 13: 8,....Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever....

This letter in its entirety points us to believe in God as the creator of the universe as a whole. This belief, is based on putting our trust in God, in the things of his creation that we can see, and our faith in him in objects, which we cannot see. It is especially important to understand, that this is demonstrated by our obedience to God, and his word. Although we cannot see how Gods plan is going to work out in our life and the lives of others every minute of every day, by faith, and through his word, we know that it will all work together for good, to those who love the Lord, and his glory. As long as we have breath to breathe, we must continue to explain the existence of God. We must continue to tell others that, in the beginning it was God that created the heavens and the earth.

Matthew 28:19,....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....

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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