

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

3.14.2021

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.

Gods Wrath Against Mankind

Romans 1: 18 – 32

Why is the Gospel of the saving grace of Jesus Christ so important. Why does humanity need to be made righteous by God. What is it that we need to be saved from. It is, very important in our life to understand why mankind seems to be so resistant to believing in God. If we do not believe, it is because we do not want to believe. We must strive to know the truth about God, and it is not that this truth is unavailable, it is that this truth is being suppressed. For this reason, God the Father is offended at the sinfulness of man. As sinners who have been saved by grace, we are justly and rightfully condemned by God, but through faith believing, we have become worthy of his righteousness. We are not sinners because we sin, we sin because we are sinners, and deny the truth of God's word.

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

Due to all mankind being under the condemnation of God, God has provided us a way of escape from the darkness of the sinfulness of this world. Through the conviction of the Holy Spirit, and the guiding light of Gods word, God declares unto us his eternal plan of salvation. The word of God gives unto us clear guidelines on how to be saved which is by grace, through faith in Christ Jesus, making us a part of the body of Christ, that is children of God, joint heirs with Christ.

Romans 8: 17,....if children, then heirs, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ....

Romans 1: 18 – 23,....for the wrath of God is revealed....against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men....for the invisible things....are clearly seen....so that they are without excuse....when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful....professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man....

It can never be expressed enough, that everyone desperately needs the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We need this, because we are sinners who have fallen under the wrath of an almighty God, and without his saving grace, we are bound for an eternity in hell. Sadly, the majority, of the modern church believes in a God of love and not of wrath, they only recognize and study the scriptures that show Christ as loving, and never judge mental. Huge crowds of people are drawn into deception by never hearing anything about sin or its consequences of impending judgement, by a God who is justified in his wrath against the sinfulness of this world. How sad, that so many will reject the one who loved us so much, that he sent his only begotten Son, to die a cruel death, on the cross, to pay the ultimate price for our sin.

John 15: 21 – 23,....all these things will they do unto you for my names sake, because they know not him that sent me. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also....

Those who disobey the word of God are not being punished for the sake of their life in Christ, their sufferings are for the things being done, that are contrary to Gods will. People that allow themselves to be controlled by their sin nature are only acting Christlike, they are but cheap imitations of Christ. Being separated from God means that, we are continually distancing ourselves from the truth of his word.

Romans 1: 24 – 27,....wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lust of their own hearts....who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the creator....for this cause God gave them up unto vile affections....

Even though man declares the glory of God, often times his inner conscience, is controlled, by his sinful nature, and therefore he will exchange the truth of God for worldly deception. This worldly deception comes through the sinful desires of the heart.

1 John 2: 16,....for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world....

The word of God warns us that these worldly influences, will conflict with Gods desires for us, and all that is holy and true. Godly love, and our love for God, is incompatible with our fleshly desires and our lust for the things of this world. Worldly values are conceived in sin, with no heavenly objective, and to often will cause our spiritual maturity to fall. Thanks be to God, that through salvation, we have received all that we need for life, and for Godliness, which allows us to live unto the Lord, in thought, and in word, and in deed, which is for the glory of God, and eternal benefit for ourselves and all those who will hear and believe.

Colossians 3: 5 – 7,....mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth....for which things sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience. In which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them....

The desires of our hearts should be Gods desire for us. Desires that are set on heavenly things, and not on the things of the world, and its issues thereof. We must consider the members of our earthly body to be dead to the things of this world. We must reckon our old self, dead to the desires of this world, and our new life, alive to God. Everyone who has not been born of the spirit, remains under the wrath of God. Because of our salvation, we are no longer under the wrath of God, but we are under his grace. By faith, we are the children of God, destined to walk in the way of his righteousness, for his greater glory.

Romans 1: 28 – 32,....and even as they dd not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient....without understanding....who knowing the judgement of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them....

The glory of the Lord, which is displayed in the heavens, and in all that is created, is evidence of, God and his never ending power. Sadly, man, who was given clear knowledge of the power of God from the beginning, rejects the vastness of Gods power and glory. For this reason, God has offered mankind, salvation, through Christ and the cross. Most have denied this truth, rejected God, and the forgiveness of sin. For this reason, the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and on those who suppress the truth of Gods righteousness. When Gods undeniable glory is revealed, but then rejected, then the wrath of God is revealed against all ungodliness and man is indeed without excuse.

2 Corinthians 5: 10,....for we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that everyone may receive the things done in the body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad....

Those who are saved by grace through faith, will appear before the judgement seat of Christ. We will not be judged for our sin, because our sin was judged on the cross. We will be judged not for our sin, but on how that we lived our lives here upon this earth. Good works will be rewarded, while works of unrighteousness will suffer the loss of reward. God expects believers to live Godly lives in Christ, so that the deeds, that we carry out in the body, will glorify our Father which is in heaven.

Revelation 20: 11 – 15,....and I saw a great white throne....I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and the books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works....they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death....

Standing here before the great white throne judgement are the resurrected dead, those who did not accept the saving grace of Jesus Christ during their life here upon this earth. These doomed individuals, are being judged by Christ, the one whom they rejected, the one who died upon a cross and was resurrected, so that they might escape eternal punishment, and have everlasting life, if only they would have believed. These are being judged according to Christ redemptive work, and therefore will face the record of their sins, and the record that will show their sins, will also show that they failed to believe upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved. When the book of life is opened, they will be sentenced to eternal punishment, separation from God, eternally in hell.

Matthew 13: 50,....and shall cast them into the furnace of fire, there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth....

2 Peter 3: 9,....the Lord is not slack concerning his promise....but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance....

Anyone who makes the statement that God does not exist, is ignoring all the obvious evidence that he provides. Humanity in general rejects the one true God, and being very ungrateful, they failed to glorify him. When man rejects God, it is because they are setting themselves up to be their own God. For this, God allows them their sinful desires, but he also allows the consequences that follow along with these sinful desires. Mankind chooses to reject the knowledge of the one true God, and this is unacceptable in the eyes of God. Though many have never read Gods word, all of mankind will come to know that, sinfulness will bring about Gods judgement, Those who reject God, will be without excuse. As believers, we must respond by showing forth the love of God, and salvation unto all, remembering, that before salvation we were also like them.

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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