

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Adult Sunday School Lesson

3.7.2021

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.

Paul's Desire to Visit Rome

## Romans 1: 8 – 17

God requires his servants to be faithful in all things. We earnestly desire to handle, to teach, and to preach the word of God faithfully, As we do the work of the Lord, we trust in him to take care of the results of that work, and to take care of the impact of how humanity responds to that work, whether in obedience to the word of God, or whether they just tolerate the preaching of the word. We should not allow this to change our duties of presenting the word to others. Our earnest desire is to declare the message of Gods saving grace, which is that which comes through Christ and the cross, to all humanity. To be true to God, and to be true to his word means that, we desire to preach the word accurately, faithfully, clearly, consecutively, compellingly, compassionately, courageously, urgently, persuasively, authoritatively, and prayerfully.

## Romans 1: 8 – 17,....

**Romans 1: 9,....**for God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers....

As Christians, we must share a deeply, loving concern for all believers. As part of the body of Christ, each one that expresses their faith, makes for a glorious testimony to God, as well as a spiritual encouragement to all who will hear. This bold proclamation of the gospel of Christ, shows, that which is the power of God unto salvation, for all who will believe. Due to our faith and trust in Christ, we have been given a new spiritual nature, a new life in Christ, and with this, a desire to spread the glorious gospel of Christ in spirit and in truth, with a loving concern for the spiritual well being of all the members of the body of Christ.

**Joshua 22: 5,....**but take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law....to love the Lord your God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul....

As believers, and part of the body of Christ, we carefully listen and therefore know the word of God, which allows us to give our love to others, just as he gave his love to us, through the Son, by his death on the cross. Only then will we be able to work in obedience to God, which will bring about a new beginning in our spiritual maturity, which brings with it a new set of lessons, that will lead to our learning and understanding Gods desire for our lives through his word, which is his Son, Jesus Christ.

**Romans 1: 11 – 12,....**that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end you may be established, that is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me....

God wants us to show eagerness in our visitation and in sharing the word of God with other believers. We then show that, God cares about them, through our care for them. As we live, and express our spiritual gifts to others, it allows us to mature in Christ and will help others to grow stronger in Christ. These unique abilities, that all believers have through salvation, will encourage and comfort the church together as a whole, to benefit our faith in God.

**Hebrews 10: 25,....**not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as we see the day approaching....

Gathering together with other believers in the body of Christ is not just suggested, it is commanded through the word. These relationships are how that we encourage one another to proclaim our faith in God. Our growth in our spiritual maturity is greatly influenced by the example of other Christians around us. We come together not only to talk about Christ and his word, but to set an example, by looking for opportunities to inspire one another in God's love, and to do good works. We have an obligation to fellowship with one another. This is necessary for our discipleship, so that we might meet each other's needs, and, encourage and inspire one another in faith.

**Romans 1: 16,....**for I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth....

Mankind does not have the ability, or the capacity to save himself. God alone has the power to redeem sinners, which comes through faith, by grace, in the gospel of Christ and the cross.

**Acts 4: 12,....**neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved....

The gospel of Christ must be preached. As believers we are able, to do this, by understanding the reality of Gods word, and the ability to meet people where they are, in their life of faith. This cannot take place when we confuse and complicate the wisdom and the knowledge of the word of God, but by preaching and teaching the simple saving grace of Christ and the cross. It is through believing on the gospel of Christ, the death, the burial, and the resurrection, that we are saved.

**1 Corinthians 9: 18 – 23,....**when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without change, that I abuse not my power in the gospel....and this I do for the gospels sake, that I be partaker thereof with you....

We must limit ourselves, in order to win others to Christ. We must do all of this for the sake of the gospel.

**John 3: 30,....**He must increase, but I must decrease....

We exist to serve God, and we do this by our faithfulness to the mission that he has given unto us, and that is to assist in winning as many souls as possible to their faith in Christ. We should place greater value on the salvation of others than we do on our own personal rights and worldly well being. In doing so we will enjoy the blessings of our faith in Christ, with all of those who believe with us.

**Romans 1: 17,....**therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, the just shall live by faith....

**Habakkuk 2: 4,....**behold, his soul which is not upright in him, but the just shall live by his faith....

Like Paul, we should be committed to reaching all people everywhere with the message of salvation, and, also willing, to make personal sacrifices to see this goal accomplished. Because we trust in, and know that the gospel is true, we continue to teach, and to preach, the word of God, with a deep sense of indebtedness to Christ Jesus. The power of the Gospel of Christ can save sinners from the eternal wrath of God and enable them to live holy lives. The status of our salvation and being right with God, begins with our faith, and ends with our faith. The just shall live by faith.

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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