

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

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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.

Righteous Through Faith

Romans 3: 21 – 31

There is one thing certain about all of humanity, and that is that, we are all sinners. Therefore, this is the starting point for all mankind in their search for some kind of deliverance. All will, at some point in their life, come to the understanding, that everyone is deserving of Gods wrath, due to sin. All will also have the opportunity to make the choice to either reject Gods saving grace or to be justified through the salvation of Jesus Christ. Knowing the difference between right and wrong does not justify us, nor does our knowledge of knowing that the consequences for our sinfulness, is not enough to keep us from sinning.

Romans 3: 21 – 22,....now the righteousness of God, without the law is manifested....even the righteousness of God, which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe....

The law points us to righteousness but cannot save us. No one can keep the law perfectly, and no one lives a life worthy of God's righteousness. But there is hope because there is a way to the righteousness of God apart from the law, and it is by grace, through faith in Christ. This alone can bring the guilty sinner into the righteousness of God.

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

The source of our salvation is grace, the means of our salvation is faith. Humanity would never choose to believe in Christ without the grace of God operating in their lives. We learn through the word that salvation is not based upon anything that we do or could ever do. No good deeds, no matter how outstanding in the eyes of the world could ever undo the sinfulness that we have committed. This free gift can only be provided by God. Once having accepted this free gift then we are called to proclaim the gospel of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. This means that we are to live it, to share it, and to pray for the salvation of others. Our responsibility is to help all others to grow and to mature in their grace in God.

Romans 1: 23,....for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God....

The truth of this passage of scripture is that it applies to every member of mankind, and no one is exempt. It is not only because of our sins that we are condemned but also is due to the fact that we are born dead into trespasses and sin, from the beginning and was a result of the deception of Eve and the transgression of Adam. Therefore, mankind comes to the point in his life that he knows what is wicked and evil, but chooses not to accept God's given abilities to resist sin. Humanity does not have the ability to measure up to the glory of God. Therefore, God set forth his requirements, through the word, so as to bring mankind to the shocking truth, that we are all sinners, and can only achieve the standards that God desires for us through the saving grace, bought for us by Christ, on the cross.

Romans 3: 24 – 26,....being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins....

God has made the opportunity for us to be justified a reality. This comes through grace, which is the goodness of God, that we do not deserve. Sin once held us captive, keeping us from the ability to be included into the family of God. But Christ, paid the price for our sin, when he died upon the cross, and overcame death. He was resurrected from the grave, redeeming us from the judgement of Gods wrath, securing us eternally with him.

Philippians 3: 7- 12,....and be found in him, not having mine own righteousness....the righteousness which is of God by faith....I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which I am apprehended of Christ Jesus....

The ultimate goal of our belief is to become conformed into the image and likeness of Christ. Our ambition should be to fulfill the purpose in which God had intended for us, which comes through the salvation of his Son. Growing in the grace of God is an ongoing process, and prayer, and the word of God is our most valuable asset, and one in which gives unto us direction on how to live Godly lives in Christ. Pressing toward the goal of our calling, and declaring the righteousness of God, is the responsibility of all believers.

Romans 3: 27 – 28,....where is boasting then....therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law....

God has provided all that humanity needs to be righteous and offers his full acceptance to all through grace, by faith in Christ Jesus. Therefore, the pride that comes through the rules of religion in which mankind uses to compete, to be superior over one another, this pride is not pleasing, nor acceptable unto God. Being made righteous in the eyes of God is all about faith in what God has done for us, through Jesus Christ. God is our source of wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, which comes through the leadership and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

There is nothing mankind can do to add to Christ finished work. Therefore, boasting is excluded from our salvation, for salvation is in Christ and Christ alone. Being justified by faith is the first step on our journey through life, where the redeemed are also called to live their daily life through faith and not by the deeds of the law. Justification is not the final destination in our salvation, but the first step into a life where we are called to live by faith.

Romans 3: 29 – 31,....seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith. Do we then make void the law through faith....

Before the foundation of the world, God set in motion the plan of redemption. This plan which is the offering of salvation to all mankind, is provided by faith, through the sacrificial death, and the glorified resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, and this plan is equally available to all people. The gospel of salvation is the same for both the Jews and the Gentiles. God is no respecter of person, and those who believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ have the assurance that they will be saved. Though we were once slaves to sin, as believers, we can now enjoy the freedom to serve Christ. The law was meant to restrain sin, and, to reveal to humanity how far short that we fall, of meeting Gods standards. God's plan has always been to provide salvation through Christ. Christ Jesus brought unto us his new covenant of love, which supersedes the law. His death lifted the curse that mankind was under. When we choose to believe in Christ, we take on his righteousness which is all to the glory of God the Father.

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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