

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

4.18.2021

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.

Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ

Romans 6: 1 – 14

God wants us to believe in his word, trust in his word, see the truth of his word, and then act upon his word. Sadly, many Christians do not take to heart the truth of the scripture and live a defeated life through unbelief. We must remember that Christ died for our sins as well as dying to sin. The word of God commands us to consider ourselves to be dead to sin. Oftentimes the old nature will do its best to overpower our new life in Christ. But, in Christ we have all that we need to resist temptation and to take to heart the truth of Gods word, and to make us alive to God in Jesus Christ, our Lord. This helps us to change the way that we think about ourselves, we who are dead to sin and alive in Christ.

1 Corinthians 15: 3,....for I delivered unto you first of all that which I received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that he was buried and rose again the third day according to the scriptures....

Romans 6: 1 – 2,....what shall we say then, shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound, God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein....

Due to the deception of false teachers, the word of God teaches us how to confront the corruptions of the world, which are being presented unto us through false interpretations of the gospel of Christ. These false interpretations teach us that we need to focus on our works, because God's grace is insufficient. As believers, we see that as sin increases, God's grace will abound to cover that sin. We cannot out sin the grace of God, therefore there are those who use the gospel as a means, to justify sinfulness. Through salvation we were given a new position in Christ, we have been given a secure, permanent, and eternal position in Christ. Therefore, our position in Christ, and our practices should reflect him, and even though there will be times when we fail in our spiritual practices, our earnest desire should still be one of spiritual growth, and grace, in the knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Nothing is more important than to know that we are forgiven, redeemed, and saved from the eternal condemnation of God.

2 Corinthians 5: 17,....therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold all things are become new....

Romans 6: 3 – 4,....know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ, were baptized in his death. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism unto death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life....

Through salvation, comes the indwelling Holy Spirit. This baptism enters us into the identity of Christ, which means, that it places us, our whole self, in Christ. Christ identified with our sin so that we could be identified with his righteousness. There must be death to self, death to sin, death to all that is not in Christ, so that we may live as God has intended us to live, in complete dependence upon him.

Ephesians 2: 4 – 7,....but God....for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, by grace are ye saved, and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come he might show the exceedingly riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus....

1 John 3: 7,....marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again....

Humanity is separated from God by an unpassable sin barrier. Even when we were spiritually dead, God provided access to himself, through faith, in his Son, Christ. By his redemptive work, we have been made a new creation in Christ, fully pardoned, forever accepted. We must continually reflect upon what the Lord has done for us, through the divine nature of a merciful God, who has displayed his unconditional covenant of grace unto us.

Romans 6: 5 – 6,....for if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall also be in the likeness of his resurrection, knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin....

How remarkable is it for us to understand that through salvation we are newly alive, spiritually, in Christ. We are united in life with the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is very important for us to understand that we need to have a close relationship with the one who saved us from eternal death. Acknowledging who we are in Christ will give us the desire that we need to have the close intimate relationship that we need with Christ, so that we may have the ability to cope, with the everyday circumstances of our life. Christ is the one who removes obstacles in our life and will bring us into our appointed time and goal with God.

Galatians 1: 9 – 10,....if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us....

Does this mean that we do not sin anymore. Due to temptation, and deception, the want to sin remains within us. Through Christ, the requirement to sin in our life is now gone, it can only now come through the voluntary actions of our own self will. Our old nature cannot be made righteous, so God, through Christ, gave us a new nature. As Christians living upon this earth, we consist of two natures. The old sinful nature and the new nature from Christ. In order, for our deliverance from sin to find its fullness, we must keep the old nature nailed to the cross, so that our life in Christ may grow, and mature in the likeness of Christ himself.

Romans 6: 7 – 11,....for he that is dead is freed from sin....dead with Christ....we shall live with him....Christ....dieth no more....death hath no more dominion over him....he died unto sin once....he liveth unto God....yourselves....dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord....

God defeated death, when Christ left the grave behind. The resurrection set Christ free from the authority of death, which means that although we are capable of sin we are not obligated to sin. Therefore, death is powerless over Christ, so his death became our death, and the price for our sin was paid in full. Christ is both our savior, and our example. Through salvation, being spiritually minded, we died, was buried, and then we were resurrected to a new spiritual life in Christ. Christ who's continued purpose is to live, as God, and for the glory of God, and we being alive in him means, that we must be going in that same direction.

Hebrews 4: 15 – 16,....for we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet with out sin....let us therefore come boldly before the throne of grace....that we may obtain mercy, and find grace....

As Christians we can truly say that we do have a great high priest who understands our weaknesses. The one who went through the same trials and tribulations that we are going through, but yet he did not sin. Christ willingly chose to die so that our punishment for sin would be paid, and that we might receive our new life in Christ.

Romans 6: 12 – 14,....let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness with sin....for sin shall not have dominion over you....

We must not permit sin to have any influence on our lives. This instruction comes from the faithful, unchanging word of God. As we focus on the truth of Gods word, we come to believe that we are in Christ, and therefore there is no condemnation in Christ. We have been freed from the authority of sin over us, but we have not lost the desire to sin. This means that sinful worldliness is still appealing to us through temptation. A Christians, we must strive, so that we will not give our life over to the control of our sinful urges. The word of God commands us not to allow sin to control our life. Due to Christ and the cross, we are no longer under sins authority, we are under grace, and because of God's grace, we are no longer compelled to sin.

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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