

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Sermon

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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.

Having The Willingness of Christ

## Mark 1: 40 – 42

In our lives as Christians, is our focus based upon our own willingness to achieve or accomplish those things which we want out of life, or is our focused based upon the willingness of Christ and the things which he wants for us in our life. There is certainly no question that it is Christ willingness for us, which is that which we should be following after in our life, this is only if our faith is strong enough to overcome our unbelief, which is what prevents God from working in our life. We should never doubt the power of Gods will for us to work in our lives, but we also must not presume that because we are willing, that it is his will for us. When we are willing to submit to the will of God, then will we be able to recognize the authority of the power of Christ, through our faith. We do not mature in our spiritual life simply because we choose not to do so. We mature, not only because it is Gods will that we do so, but because we faithfully, earnestly, and compassionately follow after his will. This begins in our life by simply asking him if it is his will.

**Mark 1: 40 – 42,....**there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will, be thou clean. And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed....

As we look at this passage of scripture, we want to see ourselves in the place of the leper. Not so much as far as his sickness is concerned, but the sickness represents the sinfulness. So the word tells us that the leper sought after the Lord, he beseeched him, he humbles himself before the Lord, he knelt before him, he asked in faith believing, saying unto him, if thou wilt, and he received from the Lord, boldly he said, thou canst make me clean. It is our faith in God that gives unto us the eagerness to receive spiritual cleansing. Sadly, there are those today with the sickness of sinfulness, those that do not believe that they can be healed. This is, due to the fact that they do not see this as Gods will for their life. So, therefore sitting among the body of Christ today there are those that listen to the gospel of the saving grace of Jesus Christ, they hear the teachings of his word, but they hear it as if it does not have anything to do with themselves. This is because they do not yet acknowledge their sickness, so therefore they do not pray to be delivered from it. Humanity would like very much to be saved from hell, but not so much from the worldliness that they are so overtaken with, and involved in, because it is their life. Our first necessity in life, is salvation, for this is Gods will for all mankind.

**Titus 2: 11 – 15,....**for the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lust....looking for that blessed hope....of....our savior Jesus Christ....who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity....these things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority....

The grace of God appeared on earth as Christ himself. He is the word of God made flesh, the visible representation of the invisible God. We are not only saved by grace through faith, but we are continually sanctified by his grace through faith in our daily life, and one day we will be glorified by this grace in Christ, who brought salvation unto whosoever will.

**James 4: 14 – 15,....**whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life, it is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, if the Lord will, we shall live and do this or that....

God wants us to willingly live, in dependence on him. He wants us to trust in him and he wants us to allow him to give unto us the direction that we need in our life. God wants us to commit ourselves first and foremost to accomplish his will and not our own, knowing that if it is Gods will that we do something then we will be able to do it. Humanity boast in itself and its own inner strength and abilities. Mankind does not see a need for God, only for oneself. As Christians we are not to boast in ourselves, but to boast in the Lord. We are to act faithfully in the things that God leads us to do, knowing that we are under his control and care.

**1 Corinthians 4: 19 – 20,....**but I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know....for the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power....

Mankind is disobedient due to the fact that they do not think that God will catch them in the act. God's kingdom is all about the power of his will. Our Christian life should focus on the word of God, which comes through prayer, and the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. God has commissioned us to teach and to preach the gospel of salvation to the world. For this to happen, there must be a starting point. In order for us to go in the right direction we must find out what the will of God is for our life. Our service to the Lord is only affective if we are in his will. We will go, but the only way we will know if it is in his spirit and in his truth, is if we first ask God in faith believing, knowing fully, that he will show us his will for us in our life.

**Mark 1: 41,....**and Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will, be thou clean....

When we ask for spiritual healing, God is compassionate. He reaches out his hand and changes our whole life. By his grace he touches all areas of our life at once, physical, spiritual, emotional, mental, and most importantly he deems us worthy to be in his presence. What an awesome exchange is made when a lost sinner believes upon the Lord Jesus Christ. We must be ready and willing to extend the same compassion and love toward every lost soul that we meet. We came to Jesus claiming nothing for ourselves and knowing that he is our everything. We offered ourselves unto him and found that he blesses us with that which we need, which is his love.

**Mathew 26: 38 – 39,....**then he said unto them, my soul is sorrowful, even unto death, remain here, and watch with me. And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me, nevertheless , not as I will, but as you will....

In return for God's love toward us and in that he gave his only begotten Son so that we might have eternal life, we offer this same love unto all who will believe. Spiritual healing occurs when we accept Christ as our savior. Due to the consequences of our sinfulness, we may still have physical ailments, and we may through temptation, struggle with sinfulness as we mature in our life as a Christian. But spiritually we are immediately healed, when in faith believing we accept Christ. God sees our desire, when our desire becomes what his desire is for us, and he responds in life. There is nothing that we can do to be made whole, but to accept Gods will for our life, which comes through Christ and the cross.

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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