

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

5.2.2021

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.

More Than Conquerors

Romans 8: 28 – 39

Once saved, God begins to work out his ultimate purpose for our life, and that is to make us Christlike. He has predestined us, called us, justified us, sanctifies us, and will glorify us. God gives unto us all good things, based upon his goodness, and his goodness is truly our spiritual gifts given. There is no limit to Gods amazing grace, there is no end to his unfailing love, there is no boundaries to his everlasting mercy, there is nothing that can compare to Gods free and unconditional love towards those who believe upon Christ for their salvation. We must praise and thank him without ceasing, knowing this, that our journey begins with his everlasting grace and mercy.

Romans 8: 28,....we k now that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to his purpose....

This passage of scripture is a promise given unto those who have accepted the saving grace of Jesus Christ. It is given to comfort us in our life here upon this earth, as we cope with all the trials and tribulations that we go through, as we wait for the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Loving God is all part of what it means to live in Christ, this is who we are. So therefore, each of us is also called to fulfill Gods purposes. Everything that we do in our life in Christ has meaning, understanding this helps us to deal with the pain and suffering that takes place in our life. Gods ultimate goal is, for us to experience his glory eternally.

Revelation 21: 1 – 4,....and I saw a new heaven and new earth....and I John saw the Holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven....and I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, behold the tabernacle of God is with man....he will dwell with them....and be their God....and shall wipe away all tears from their eyes....

Throughout eternity, God's children will enjoy a close relationship with him, and we as believers will enjoy the fulfillment of his promises.

Romans 8: 29 – 30,....for whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son....moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called, and whom he called, them he justified, and whom he justified, them he also glorified....

As believers, we can stand secure in knowing that Gods purpose for us has always been that we should become Christlike. This means that the omniscient God, who knows everything from the beginning to the end, also knew before the foundation of the world, the potential of our ultimate purpose, as we freely trust in Christ as our savior. This happens when we place our trust in the death, burial, and resurrection of his only begotten Son. Christ depended entirely upon the Father throughout his whole life here upon this earth, so that his entire character was a perfect reflection and image of God the Father. In like manner we have been predestined to become just like Christ, in our every characteristic.

Ephesians 1: 3 – 5,....blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ, according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world....having predestined us unto the adoption....according to the good pleasure of his will....

God has blessed us with pardon, peace, and redemption through his Holy Spirit. He has made us the righteousness of Christ. We must now choose to live a holy life in the Fathers will, who has poured out every single blessing from his heavenly realm, upon us, simply because we are united by faith, in Christ.

Romans 8: 31 – 32,....what shall we then say to these things, If God be for us, who can be against us, he that spared not his Son, but delivered him up for us all....

We have been bought with a price, we who deserve punishment, are transformed from darkness into his glorious kingdom, justified, sanctified, and glorified by the blood of Christ. We are accepted in Christ, and we are called to love others just as Christ loved us, and we are also called to live in the power of his Holy Spirit. The word of God explains to us that no matter what circumstances or difficulties that are set before us, God's grace is there to help us to overcome every situation, using it for our eternal benefit and his greater glory. Our salvation is part of Gods never ending plan that reaches from eternity past and carries into the eternal ages to come. Gods great love is demonstrated through his amazing plan of redemption, and his everlasting mercy is eternally secured in his sovereign will.

Romans 8: 33 – 35,....who shall lay anything to the charge of Gods elect, who is he that condemneth, it is Christ that died....that is risen again....who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ....

Once God has justified us through salvation, then there is no accusation of any past sin, that could convince him to overrule that justification. So therefore, no man can ever condemn us. This only truly works for us if we trust in all that the word of God says, and believe the truth of it to its fullest. God has preordained that every sinner saved by grace is to be conformed into the likeness of his Son, Jesus Christ, fully justified, fully sanctified, fully glorified. So therefore, those who are in Christ can look forward to a future of sharing in God's glory. And even though we are not there yet, we patiently wait for this eternal hope to be fulfilled. Nothing we do can keep Christ from loving us, and nothing that happens unto us could ever mean that Christ no longer loves us.

John 16: 33,....these things I have spoken to you, that in me you might have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world....

The word of God warns us that there will be times in our lives that the reality of the sinful worldliness that surrounds us will, as believers, test our faith, and even cause spiritual confusion through worldly fear. But we can rest assured that the word of God also gives unto us consolation, and brings us reassurance, strength, hope, and encouragement to all who have trusted in Christ.

Romans 8: 36 – 37,....for thy sake we are killed all the day long....nay, in all things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us....

Struggles in our life does not mean that God has abandoned us. They are simply hardships, trials and tribulations, that he works within us, as to see us through and to be victorious in himself. The right perspective in our life, no matter whether through good times or hard times, will provide us with the purpose and the understanding that God's love is absolute. This means that in every situation in our life, through Christ and the cross, that we are conquerors. Our joy, our eternal hope, and our victory is in Christ. When we abide in Christ, our faith increases, our trust is amplified, our hope is expanded, and our love, and compassion in him will reach greater heights.

Romans 8: 38 – 39,....for I am persuaded that neither, death, life, angels, principalities, powers, things present, things to come, height, depth, or any creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord....

Trials, tribulations, and hardships might test us, persecutions may fall on us, and for this reason we may falter from the obedience of Gods word. But for those who are saved, none of these things can separate us from the love of God.

Humanity, due to sinfulness and its eternal consequences, is eternally alienated from God. But due to the gospel of salvation, and the redemptive plan of salvation through Christ and the cross, those who trust in him, will receive remission of sin. As we live our life according to the written word of God, we gain wisdom, knowledge, and understanding into the insight of our justification, sanctification, and glorification that is to come. Despite the many trials and tribulations, that all, who live Godly in Christ Jesus, will have to face, we can rest assured in our eternal security. There is nothing that has the power to break the eternal union that we have with God, through Christ. All scripture is inspired and, very important to us, teaching us the doctrine of our salvation and insuring us of the abilities that we have through the divine plan of Christ redemptive saving grace. So, as we stand, and boldly proclaim that nothing can separate us from the love of God, then we are more than conquerors through his Son, Christ Jesus.

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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