

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.

Sowing, Reaping

Galatians 6: 1 – 9

As Christians, we must learn that it is not only walking in the spirit of God individually, but we must also learn to walk in the spirit of God as one in the body of Christ. As believers, we are going to fall to our sinful desires and getting caught off guard in these sinful desires does not mean that we are no longer in Christ, but it does mean that we might need help from spiritually mature Christians in the body of Christ to step in, and to help in restoring such a one in the spirit, or to make us whole in God, and functional in our salvation once again. We should never consider ourselves more highly favored than any other child of God. This is due to the fact that we live in a world where Satan and his believers will do anything possible to destroy the faith of all who believe upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. This will cause many Christians to stray from the pathway of righteousness. Therefore, it is very important, that we examine our walk and our ways, our words and our actions, our attitudes and our motives, so that we are sure to live Godly lives, not allowing ourselves to fall to worldly temptation.

To see how the word of God instructs us in these matters, we are going to go to the letter written by Paul to the Galatians and see the instruction given, concerning sowing and reaping.

Galatians 6: 1 – 9,....brethern, if a man is overtaken in any trespass....restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness....considering yourselves lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens....if anyone thinks himself to be something....he deceives himself. But let each one examine his own work....for everyone shall bear his own burden....

As Christians we shall come to the realization that if we refuse to allow others to help us with our burdens, then it is likely that we will not help others with their burdens. We should take the time to look humbly and honestly into those things that are going on within our lives, rather than comparing those things to the lives of those around us. As we take the time to do so, then by the workings of the Holy Spirit, we will ask ourselves, was I spiritually effective, did I give an effective spiritual meaning, was I at all truly helpful, and most importantly, did I reflect Christ through my workings.

Romans 12: 3,....for I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith....

All who have received God's mercy and grace, due to their faith in Christ, is now commanded to offer their everyday lives to God, in service to him. This we will do through the ability that God provides unto us as he gives us the spiritual perspective of our minds, so that we might see and understand his will for us in our lives. Gods purpose for us is that we will spend our time, serving each other, while glorifying him. The one similarity within all Christians is that we are all one, together in the body of Christ.

Romans 6: 6,....let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches....

Our instruction, as believers, is to go, and to share, the gospel of salvation, with those who have not yet believed. We are also instructed to be responsible for the well being of other believers, supporting those in that which they lack, and rejoicing with those in their increase. As believers we have been blessed with all spiritual blessings from above, and we are instructed, by the word of God, how that we must distribute that which we have received to all of those around us.

Ephesians 1: 3,....blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ....

As those who have been saved by the grace of God, our spiritual characteristics shall be that of gratefulness and thankfulness, as well as having loving appreciation for all of the joyous, and everlasting blessings that he has given unto us through his eternal love toward us. This sometimes goes beyond our comprehension In how that God abundantly blesses us through his indwelling Holy Spirit, with his spiritual gifts, and his grace. So, therefore we then set our hearts on things above, where Christ is, sitting on the right hand of God.

Colossians 3: 1 – 2,....if ye then be risen with Christ, seek ye those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth....

Romans 6: 7,....do not be deceived, God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap....

As Christians, sowing and reaping, is meant to be a blessing. One that benefits both the giver and the one which receives, as well as in this process it will honor the Lord our God. Learning the truth of the word of God and passing it onto others is one of the greatest privileges that we have in our life in Christ. God gives us purpose in our life, he gives unto us those things which we could never have earned on our own. In our life, the spiritual decisions that we make, will have natural results. What we do in our life matters and our choices will be reflected in our eternal rewards. Believers will receive heavenly rewards and for the sinner, it will be eternal punishment. Sadly, also, not all believers choose wisely, their lifestyle is more worldly than it is spiritual. We are commanded to resist temptation and walk in spirit and in truth. We are to bear one another's burdens, and we are to examine our own lives to see if we are always glorifying God.

Romans 6: 8 – 9,....he who sows to his flesh will....reap corruption....he who sows to the spirit will....reap everlasting life....let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart....

It is a sovereign God who has set the principle for our sowing and reaping. Each of us will reap a harvest of what we have sown in our lives. Whatsoever we choose to sow in our lives, whether it is good or evil, will bring forth the fruits of that choice. If, we neglect our duty to God and become disobedient to his word, those seeds sown will bring about corruption and condemnation. But for those who are obedient to his word, and choose to sow seeds of righteousness, this will bring forth righteous rewards.

Romans 6: 10,....therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially those who are of the household of faith....

The most important crop that we will ever sow is our eternal life in Christ. This is turn will bring us to include in our sowing that which will bring eternal life to others who will come to know and to accept the saving grace of Jesus Christ. This season of sowing will eventually come to an end, so as long as we have the opportunity, we must invest in doing good, to everyone. Our investment, or seed sown in salvation will pay off, not only for us, but for all who will accept, and for all in the body of Christ, both now and for eternity.

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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