

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.

Gods Solution

Matthew 11: 28 – 30

The word of God teaches us how that God gives unto us eternal life through his Son, Christ. The scripture also teaches us that no amount of human goodness, works, self morality, or religious activity, can gain us our acceptance with God. No amount of human goodness is as good as God is. God's love is perfect, it is full of grace, and it is full of mercy. He has not, nor will he ever leave us without hope in our life. This is all due to what Christ accomplished for us on the cross. Accepting Gods offer of salvation will not solve all of our problems, which is a common misconception that Christians have, due to spiritual immaturity and deception. This deception we will begin to realize and understand as we find and accept the love of God, which will change everything in our life.

As we begin to mature in our salvation, we will begin to discern our true potential and purpose that God has in store for us in our life. As our relationship with God grows, the Holy Spirit begins to show us our true spiritual fulfillment, and reveals unto us God's solutions for our life, as we walk in his purposes and plans, that he has designed for us. Nothing else will ever compare to the ultimate experience of salvation.

Matthew 11: 28 – 30,....come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light....

Due to Christ work on the cross, an extraordinary offer is made to all who will hear, and believe upon his name. Following Christ does not mean that we must take on difficult circumstances, it means that we are giving up the impossible task of carrying our own burdens. Sadly, this offer also falls upon an unresponsive, unrepentant generation, who are more interested in their own selfish needs being met than they are in attending to their own spiritual needs and the needs of others. Christ invitation to come unto him, contains no limitations or restrictions, it is a free gift, it is an eternal gift given, that is beyond our understanding, one that we can never earn or purchase on our own.

1 Peter 5: 6 – 7,....therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon him, for he cares for you....

As Christians, we must learn to believe in Christ promises, and what these promises are able to do for us. As we lean upon these promises, and put out trust in God, he will begin to exalt us in due time. Humbling ourselves unto God, does not mean that we must think less of ourself, but it does mean that we must think of ourself less. This is turn will allow us to develop a teachable spirit, to be used for God's training in righteousness. God's righteousness will give unto us grace to be humble, it will give unto us wisdom and knowledge that leads to greater faith and understanding in God's word, which is well pleasing unto him. This can only happen when we stop seeking our own glory, in order to accept the glory of God and submitting to the work of serving others.

Psalms 62: 5 – 8,....my soul, waits silently for God alone, for my expectation is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, he is my defense, I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory, the rock of my strength, and my refuge is in God. Trust in him at all times....pour out your heart before him, God is a refuge for us....

The word of God teaches us to fervently talk to God about our needs as well as those things that worry us, and those things that so easily beset us. We are to trust in Christ, we are to abide in Christ, so that we might remain secure in his mercy, grace, and love. What would our lives be like if we would truly trust in God at all times. We would then experience total peace, avoid anxiety in our life, and constantly live in the will of God. Trusting God means giving up controlling our own life, and completely yielding unto him.

Philippians 4: 4 – 7,....rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men, the Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made know unto God, and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus....

As believers we should not be careless, we should not be fearful, paranoid, or uneasy in our Christian life. This is made possible, as we humbly, and with thanksgiving, approach God, and allow him to have total control of our life, so that even our thoughts will be configured to his will. There is nothing to great, or nothing to small, that it cannot be given unto the Lord. There is no area in our life, or in the lives of others, which can keep us from coming boldly to the throne of grace. True prayer comes from a heart of thanksgiving and praise, which is a heart that is continually looking unto the Lord, by faith, to supply everything that we need. It is by faith that we are saved, it is by faith that we continue living in our salvation. We are encouraged to live Godly lives and to apply all the principles of spiritual living that we have learned from Christ, through his word, so that we may live a life that is acceptable unto God. Let us seek to live our Christian life as God intended, in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

Ephesians 2: 10,....for we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them....

God has a unique plan set forth for each of us, to serve him in this world. God has already prepared the task that he wants us to do, and he has already prepared the means by which we will carry out this work, which includes the spiritual gifts given unto us through the Holy Spirit in our lives, to lead us into this service with him. God gave unto us life, in Christ, when he raised him from the dead and we exchanged our old life in Adam, for our new life in his Son. We are now made God's masterpiece in Christ Jesus, which allows us to perform the good works that God has prepared for us to do, before we were ever born.

1 Peter 1: 6 – 9,....in this you greatly rejoice....that the genuineness of your faith....may be found in praise, honor and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see him, yet believing you rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith, the salvation of your souls....

As we walk in our spiritual life in an everchanging sinful world, the miracle of our new birth in Christ guarantees us, through his word, that we are being kept safe and secure by the power of an almighty God. Our past redemption and justification, our present sanctification, and our future glorification is ours, only through Christ, the one who loved us and gave himself as a sacrifice for us. Our spiritual understanding is based upon the word of God and revealed unto us by the spirit of God. And even though we do not see him with our physical eyes, we believe in him, and trust in his word. Our eternal salvation does not rely on what we do for God, but on what Christ done for us on the cross. Although our saving grace was secured through justification, it is still necessary for us to grow in grace, to mature in faith, and to become fruitful in our maturity to the glory of God. Christ, finished work, on the cross demands our everlasting thankfulness and praise. We love him, knowing that it is through him alone that we have obtained the salvation of our soul.

Matthew 11: 28,....come unto me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest....for my yoke is easy and my burden is light....

We all must bear burdens in our lifetime, and therefore we become weary in our souls. So, when we are weary, for whatever reason, we remember that Christ still invites us to come to him. To come in faith believing, abiding in him and following after him, we will find rest for our soul.

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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