

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

5.30.2021

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 God's word.

Ministry To Unbelievers

Romans 15: 15 – 27

As believers we come to understand, that all results of our witness, of Christ salvation, and as we have become obedient examples of Gods word, is Gods doing, and not our own. His purpose is brought about through us, and our obedience unto him is to serve him in whatever capacity that he has made available to us, through his power to do his good work. God supernaturally uses the power of the Holy Spirit to transform the work that he has begun, so as to convince all those who will listen, to seek after the miracles of the saving grace of his Son, Jesus Christ. What a great privilege we have in knowing, that in our life as Christians, we have given ourselves unto God for the good news of his great plan of salvation. Most amazingly, we should not boast in anything except what Christ has accomplished through us. We are to be willing participants, used by God, to present his good news to the world. Our hope of salvation is that we can proudly boast in what we have accomplished due to Christ living within us. We should always be ready to share the gospel with all of those that God brings us into his presence with, and also all of those who hear and believe upon his word.

Romans 15: 15 – 16,....brethern, I have written boldly unto you....putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God. That I should be the minister of Christ....ministering the gospel of God, that the offering....might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost....

Even though we as Christians should be full of goodness and knowledge, we do have room to add more of these qualities to our lives. The word reveals unto us the value of studying and meditating on the word of God, and the spiritual growth that comes through our learning. God gives us knowledge through his word concerning his grace and how that we ought to live our Christian life, while upon this earth.

2 Corinthians 3: 16 – 18,....when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away....the Lord is a spirit, and where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all with unveiled face, beholding....the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the spirit of the Lord....

This is a condition that all mankind starts with, and that condition is not having the ability to reach a right understanding about who God is, for due to sin we are not able to see his Glory. We cannot overcome this by ourselves, we can only overcome these sinful circumstances through the redemptive work of Christ and the cross. Sin causes our minds to be hardened, it is Gods glory that will remove this separation, and allow us to see this glory as he has revealed it through his Son, Jesus Christ.

Romans 15: 17 – 19,....I.... therefore....glory through Jesus Christ in those things which pertain to God. For I will not dare to speak of those things which Christ has not wrought by me....through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the spirit of God....I have fully preached the gospel of Christ....

Our desire is to see the Holy Spirit, justify, sanctify, and glorify all mankind. Our spiritual accomplishments come from having been used by God to achieve his purposes, through his divine power. We can be proud of our spiritual work in the Lord, and still remain and walk in his humility. We are to be obedient to God as we recognize ourselves as his servants, being used for his purposes. Our faith in Christ leads us to a greater obedience in God in all areas of our life in him, as we walk in his spirit. We must fulfill our mission in Christ, by taking the gospel, of the saving grace of Jesus Christ to all the world. As we proclaim the gospel of Christ, we will fulfill his requirements for us. Immediately upon receiving our salvation, we received this great commission. The commission to stop proclaiming the world, and to, began to proclaim God the Father, through Christ the Son, by the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

John 14: 12,....verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do....

We are to do the good works of Christ in our life, and we are to do them in the divine name of God himself. As Christians, we have the ability to excel in showing others the goodness of Gods saving grace. Our earthly ministry last only but for a short time, so through the word of God, we are encouraged to produce quantity, in the quality, of the simple plan of redemption, which can only come through Christ and the cross.

Romans 15: 20 – 24,....I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another mans foundation....to whom he was not spoken of, they shall see, and they that have not heard shall understand....whensoever I take my journey....I will come to you....

God gives unto each of us a specific work to do. The preaching of the gospel must continue where it is thoroughly being preached, and the preaching of the gospel must grow in places where it is rarely being preached. As Christians we can experience these places all around us. Just because there are churches, with religions, in all areas, this does not mean that the gospel of salvation is being taught. Our spiritual ambition should be directed toward those that God shows unto us as, unreached people. God's work is not to build upon the work done by others in the world, before us, but to build upon the truth of his word.

1 Corinthians 2: 2,....for I determined not to know anything among you except Christ and him crucified....

We are not to present the gospel of Christ through worldly performances. Our focus should be on the simple mission of Christ, through his crucifixion and resurrection. Unsanctified wisdom and knowledge of the world allows humanity to become influenced by their own thought process, which in turn weakens our spiritual characteristics. As we seek to live in a world where Christ is constantly being illuminated, we must remember that one of the most amazing testimonies that we can share with others is that Christ not only died for our sin, but that he died to sin on our account, breaking the power that sin had over us, as well as paying the price for that sin.

Romans 15: 25 – 27,....now I go....to minister unto the saints....it hath pleased them....to make a certain contribution for the poor saints....for if the gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things....

Our spiritual giving should always come from a willing spirit, and not as a burdensome obligation. Through faith in Christ, we have received a permanent place in Gods family. This came through God's plan of salvation, by his Son, Christ Jesus. Christ gave us our task to spread his message. To have the ability to do this, we must choose to study the word in prayer through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. We must be determined to give ourselves continually, not only to spread the gospel, but to mature spiritually in the Lord, so as to have the ability to overcome the worldly trials, tribulations, and temptations, that will come up against us, and will weaken our Godly characteristic, if we will allow it. God created man to depend upon him, and as believers, we have all the resources that we need to survive, and to thrive, by his Holy Spirit as we show by example, and tell others of the goodness of his saving grace.

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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