

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Adult Sunday School Lesson

5.16.2021

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.

Saved By Faith

## Romans 10: 1 – 10

Our life's mission as believers, should be to express that everyone can come into the family of God through the saving grace of Jesus Christ. The more we study and meditate on God's word, the more burdensome our hearts must become for the souls of humanity. We increasingly are aware of the sinfulness of man, and we understand more and more about the consequences of sin. As we see the need for forgiveness, we also see the lack of righteousness, and the things that bring us to realize that judgement and punishment is Gods only recourse to sinfulness. Gods redemptive plan of salvation is to bring all of humanity into a new creation in Christ. We are delivered by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit by which we become joint heirs with Christ, and we become recipients of the promises of God. Sadly though, humanity does not recognize the time of their visitation, so therefore we as believers are called to preach the gospel of Christ. We are to have a great longing in our hearts for the lost, and we are to be willing to speak the truth of salvation in love.

**Romans 10: 1 – 3,....**brethern, my hearts desire and prayer to God....is that they might be saved....they have a great zeal of God, but not according to knowledge,,,,they....going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God....

More than anything else we should long for, and pray for, the salvation of others. Humanity knows about the one true God, but just having knowledge in him without faith is just not sufficient.

**Hosea 4: 6,....**my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge, because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee....

How sad it is that mankind has the word of God, and the promise of God which came through Christ and the cross. Mankind has received instruction on how to live in this sinful world, instruction and warnings concerning the consequences disobedience to the word of God. Humanity sadly did not heed these warnings, so therefore, from the lack of knowledge and faith they will be destroyed. We must pray for the blindness of the truth to be lifted from the eyes of humanity, so that mankind might believe and accept the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

**Romans 10: 4 – 5,....**for Christ is the end of the law, for righteousness to everyone that believeth....that the new man which doeth those things shall live by them....

The law could not save anyone, but it always pointed everyone to Christ. It was intended by God that his Son, Christ, would be the end of the law. The mercy and grace of God, through the righteousness of Christ, ended mankind's dependence upon these rituals and sacrifices, and therefore made available to all who would believe, the saving grace of Jesus Christ. The purpose of the law then, and the word of God now, was, and is, to reveal unrighteousness, and to bring sinners to repentance.

**Matthew 5: 17,....**think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets, I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill....

Throughout our lifetime there will be those who will teach ignorance concerning the word of God. Christ taught us not to discard the law, but to use it as it was intended, and that is to lead mankind into a covenant of grace. The law was to be used to complete Gods intended purpose. God who is holy, and who is righteous, demands that full payment for mankind's sinfulness be made. For this reason, he graciously gave his only begotten Son to become the single sacrifice for our sin. Christ came to fulfill the law, so that all who will believe are no longer under the curse of the law, but under the gift of God's grace.

**Hebrews 8: 6 – 8**,....he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if the first covenant had been faultless, then there should no place have been sought for the second....behold the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant....

The old covenant, or the law was unable to save a fallen human race from unrighteousness, for it could only condemn sinfulness. So, God, through his great grace promised a new covenant, and through our faith in this new covenant God has made us ministers, examples of his saving grace.

**Romans 10: 6 – 8**,....the righteousness of faith speaketh on the wise....who shall ascend into heaven....or, who shall descend into the deep....but what saith it, the word is nigh unto thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart....

God's righteousness is based upon faith. We only receive this righteousness if we do not allow our own righteousness to deceive us. We do this when we seek to achieve this righteousness on our own, which is the wrong way to approach our relationship with God.

Through Christ birth, crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection, the Son of God has already descended and ascended, so therefore it would be pointless to attempt to, or to ask that it be done a second time, especially when we have the knowledge of these happenings, given unto us by and through the word of God. Faith in Christ is already available unto us, all we must do is believe. There is no waiting, mankind can immediately believe, receive, and declare God's righteousness in his life.

**Philippians 3: 9**,....and be found in him, not having my own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith....

Self righteousness will always fall short of that which God requires of us. Only the righteousness of Christ can reach the perfection, goodness, and grace that is required by God. Mankind will not admit to their own sinfulness because they measure their righteousness against their own standard of living. We fail to see that due to our sin nature, which is inherited through Adam, that we all sin and fall short of the glory of God. It is only through the grace of God, based upon the faith of Jesus Christ, that we can be saved.

**Romans 10: 9 – 10,....**if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, then shalt thou be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation....

It is God alone who knows the heart, and it is God alone who knows when humanity believes with the heart that Christ died for their sins and was resurrected. Once that decision to trust in Christ for salvation is made, mankind then is immediately born again, from above, by the power of the Holy Spirit and then at that moment he has the ability to confess with his mouth the Lord Jesus Christ.

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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