

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.

Walking In Truth

3 John 1: 4

Our search for the truth must come from pursuing understanding from the Lord. This knowledge that we seek cannot come by seeing and hearing only, but must be instilled within us, from a superior learning process that comes from beyond our worldly perception, it comes from within the power of the kingdom of God. Humanity cannot grasp this concept, having not yet been born of the Holy Spirit, they therefore lack the perception that can only come through the spirit of God. God's wisdom of the truth can only come through the demonstration of the spirit, only if and when we continue steadfast in his word. So, through God's word, we begin to think back upon the time, that we were first taught this word of truth.

2 Timothy 1: 4 – 7,....as I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with your joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith. A faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which was in you....for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self control....

Mothers are a type of Christ, bringing up their children in the ways of the Lord, so that when they grow older, they will not depart from it. This makes for a great example of Godly value throughout their childhood, which will lead into their teenage years and onto becoming an adult. What great Christian encouragement that comes from a mother and is passed on to each new generation, so as to teach unto them the fullness of the grace of God. As this truth of the word of God is taught, which is to encourage us to read, to study, to learn, and to meditate upon the scriptures daily, so that we may grow into spiritual adulthood, so that in return we may become instrumental in teaching future generations how to rely upon the wisdom of God. We must, as believers, do are part in educating others, concerning the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

So the scripture that we want to use this morning we find in the book of 3rd John,

3 John 1: 4,....I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth....

Believers must live according to the truth of Gods word, despite the everyday difficulties of the sinful world in which we live. As faithful witnesses to the truth of the gospel of Christ we will always be found walking in spirit and truth. This means, living according to the truth, walking in the fellowship of the Lord Jesus Christ, living in submission to the Holy Spirits leadership and guidance, living in the influence of the new nature, and reflecting the mercy, grace, love, and humility that flows through us from our salvation and an almighty sovereign God.

Ephesians 4: 15,....speaking t he truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ....

Spiritual maturity means, living in the t ruth of Gods word, and speaking the truth of Gods word. This maturity in the Lord allows us to communicate with other believers as well as new believers. It will allow us to live in harmony with those who are of the same faith, in the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and will allow us at all times to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is within you....

1 Peter 3: 15,....but sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and be ready always to give an answer to everyman that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear....

The indwelling Holy Spirit with the gifts thereof, are not given to us to be used through our emotional experiences and for our own self satisfaction. They are given, to help equip the believer in their spiritual service, to edify the body of Christ, and to perfect each member of that body, for the ministry to which God has called them. When these abilities, of these spiritual gifts given, are brought into the purpose and the plan of God, then we begin to experience the complete truth of Gods word. This purpose and plan is that of Christ and is all in all, to bring all things into one, that the end may be to the glory of God. This happens when the word of God remains the only foundation on which our faith is built. With this foundation of our faith established, we must learn to live in submission to the Holy Spirit, following after its leadership and guidance.

1 Peter 5: 6,....humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time....

As Christians, in order to develop a teachable spirit, we must learn to be in subjection to those who are mature to the truth of the word of God. This can only come through humility toward one another by the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Humility, which is a God given ability must be a goal of all believers. Our humbleness, in obedience to the truth of Gods word, will lead to greater faith, wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of all that is pleasing unto God. This in turn allows us to put into perspective, our relationship with God and our willingness to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God.

The first truthful promises given unto us was at the moment in time that we entered into this world. This promise came from God, but the message was delivered unto us from the one, who is presented unto us as a type of Christ, and that is our mother. At times in our life, this truth may have seemed harsh, at times it may have seemed meaningless, and at times it may have seemed to be without compassion, but we must never forget that it was always in love. Humanity though had a different reaction to this truthfulness, therefore the word of God tells us we must ask ourselves this question....

Galatians 4: 16,....am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth....

This question was not presented for the appearance in which it seems, for the creator could never look at those in which he created as enemies, because his love for mankind is too great, likewise it is the same with a mother and her children. This question was presented, so as to challenge mankind, to resist the deception of worldliness, and follow after the truth which was given unto us, whether that truth was given to us by our mother or by Christ himself, they are one in the same. We are urged to remember that moment in time in which we first believed, and then we are encouraged to hold fast to that most important truth in which we were taught.

2 Timothy 1: 8 – 14,....be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of the Lord....who hath saved us with an holy calling....but is now made manifest....where unto I am appointed....for which cause I also suffer....hold fast the form of sound words....that good thing in which was committed unto thee, keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us....

As we celebrate our salvation, through our mothers, this mother's day, let us remember the hope which was instilled within us by our mothers . A hope that would never put us to shame, because of the love that was poured into that hope. This love which can only come from God, accomplished through the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit, is given unto us for our protection and strength throughout our life here upon this earth. In turn, those who are intrusted with this love, must guard this most valuable investment, and preserve it, so the outcome is to the glory of God. God created us, and fashioned us for his purpose, and to his purpose, while we were yet inside our mother's womb. At birth, his love was shown unto us, even though we were dead in trespasses and sins, we were taught how that we might overcome this separation from God through the gift of the shed blood of his Son, on the cross. Through the cross and the resurrection, we have the ability, to take our place in Christ, as a newly purchased possession. From the time in which we first believed in the truth, which was taught unto us by our mothers, and then by Christ himself through his word, this is that which gave unto us our humbleness, which is the ability of our salvation, to stand and boldly proclaim the priceless treasure that we have become in God. This is all due to the love of God, which was first and foremost instilled within us through our mothers. Happy Mothers Day.

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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