

## *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 God's word.

Christ, The Bread of Life

### John 6: 32 - 35

Humanity seeks after material wealth instead of following after the spiritual truth of God. The bible tells us that material things will fade away, and that a life in Christ will give unto us a real purpose in his spiritual truth, which will lead us to eternal life. Sadly, rather than grasping the spiritual importance of God's word, mankind is attracted to material gain. Humanity sees the works of Christ, but they miss out on the true meaning. Christ works were meant to teach and to deliver a unique message, that will lead people in a Godly direction, his works also warn us of pending judgement for those who will not accept the truth of God word. The works of Christ recorded in his word, send an important message to the church. The message is that we should use every means possible, that God gives unto us, to preach, and to teach, the gospel of the saving grace of Jesus Christ to the world. Just as Christ had done when he walked upon this earth, he still preforms signs, and wonders today. And he still does them for the same purpose in which he had done them during his time upon this earth. His purpose is to show to humanity the love of God. Sadly, mankind is looking at these signs and wonders for entertainment, which is due to the fact that he is looking at Gods spiritual truth through all that is in the world.

**1 John 2: 16,....**for all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world....

Many ministries and religions today perform dramatic, instantaneous, events to impress their congregations so as to make them believe that God is working in a mighty way in their lives. They claim that God will meet their worldly needs, so that we may enjoy material prosperity, that will free them from depression, anxiety, discouragement, and despair, so that they may have purpose and meaning in our lives.

**Matthew 12: 39 – 41,....**but he answered and said unto them, an evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign....

There is a difference in the way in which humanity believes that the works of God should be, and what Christ himself says the works of God are. As believers, we should see the works of God just as Christ had stated in his word, and that is believing upon him, whom he hath sent. Man wants earthly blessings, while Christ offers eternal blessings, man wants material wealth, while Christ offers wealth through the Holy Spirit which will nourish our souls. This spiritual nourishment is Christ himself, given unto us through God the Father, and those who will accept him will receive eternal life.

So, this morning we want to talk just a moment about this spiritual nourishment.

**John 6: 32 – 35,....**my Father gives you the true bread from heaven....the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and gives life unto the world. Then they said....Lord....give us this bread, and Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of Life....

One of the greatest forms of deception in the body of Christ is, the confusion between physical and emotional worldly matters, and true spiritual matters. Rather than seeking to prosper in material wealth and gain, we should be seeking to mature spiritually and striving to gain those things which have eternal value. This type of wealth comes only through Christ, the cross, and the resurrection. We should not work for that which perishes, but we should work for that which endures to eternal life. Not only, does Christ give to each one who will freely accept, his daily bread, but he also gives unto us his life giving spirit, which is everlasting life.

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

Non believers, because of denial, cannot see the works of God and sadly some believers will only see the works of God, as a means to gain worldly status and wealth. As Christians, we must maintain our faith in Christ. We are to trust in the written word, so that we always have the life of Christ within us, to do the works that God has prepared for us to do. These works cannot be achieved for the glory of God, through our own power in which we have achieved through the deception and sinfulness of the world. These works can only be achieved through the power of our salvation, administered unto us by the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**Isaiah 55: 2,....**wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which satisfieth not, harken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness....

We must ask ourselves, are we getting what we want, or are we getting what we need. As we look into the word of God, it will not leave us with any unanswered questions. It tells us that there is a satisfying way of life if we wish to diligently seek after it. In order to find it, we must abandon our vain searching for instant wealth in the world and start seeking for true happiness where it may be found, and that is in Christ. God gave unto us his only begotten Son, so that we might find peace and reconciliation through his saving grace.

**John 6: 36 – 40,....**him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me....all which he hath given me I should lose nothing....and this is the will of him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son, and believeth in him, may have everlasting life, and I will raise him up in the last day....

Christ is the resurrection and life, he is the way, the truth, and the life, he is the one without whom we can do nothing. All are invited to accept Gods free gift of salvation, which is made possible by the Son, and carried out through the work of the Holy Spirit. We must daily feed upon the word of God, for his word is true, and mighty, and just, and all those who feed upon the saving grace of Jesus Christ will live forever.

**John 1: 12 – 13**,....but to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God....

We must seek God, not for material satisfaction, but for spiritual maturity. We must focus our energy, not on those things that only sustain us temporarily, but on that which has eternal value and will allow us to live forever in Christ. Christ who is our provision for spiritual life, does not require worldly works for us to gain salvation. We must understand that true satisfaction will never come through the worldly comforts of this life, but only by faith in Christ. Those who come, and freely accept Christ, means that, he will welcome them into his family, as gifts from the Father, and will assure each one that he will never lose anyone that the Father has given unto him. Salvation is not earned, it is not deserved, it is not gained by works or through any religion, it is the work of God, given freely through Christ, and there is no other way to God, and his eternal life, except through him.

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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