

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

9.19.2021

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.

The Day of Atonement

Leviticus 16: 1 – 16

Christ, who is our great high priest, and without sin, never did he have to offer a sacrifice for himself, but he gave himself as a sacrifice for all humanity. This sacrifice, which was made by Christ only, needed to be made one time only, due to his perfect, eternal nature, which is the fulfillment of God's plan of salvation. This is because he was, and still is sinless, and he owed no debt for any sin, so therefore he could offer up himself as a sacrifice to cover once and for all, all the sins of all of mankind. Therefore, we can be saved by grace, through faith, because no one can boast in themselves. In saving us, Christ gave unto us new life, and provided unto us a pathway to fulfill our destiny in him. God gave unto us the very best when he chose Christ for our high priest. Christ perfectly fulfilled the requirement needed to be the sacrifice for the forgiveness of sin, as well as the role of our high priest, making intercession for us to the Father.

Hebrews 4: 14,....seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession....

Christ role as our high priest is a continuous, eternal, heavenly atonement for all our sins, forever and ever. Christ who is our ultimate, final, incarnate word of God, intercedes day and night for the whole body of Christ. We are commanded to stand firm in Christ and the cross, and to hold fast to our confession, believing all that God has told us through his word, so that we might remain firmly in his truth and always have the ability to boldly approach his throne of grace.

Today's lesson teaches us the importance of preparation, in order to offer ourselves unto the Lord, and the necessity of that offering, which brings glory to God through the workings of salvation in all who will believe.

Leviticus 16: 1 – 10,....and the Lord spake unto Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered before the Lord, and died. And the Lord said unto Moses, speak unto Aaron....thus Aaron shall come into the holy place with....he shall put on....he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel....and Aaron shall offer....and he shall take....and Aaron shall cast lots....and Aaron shall bring....and offer....to make an atonement....

Preparation. God is never to be worshipped pretentiously, which means that we cannot impress God with something that we feel is of a greater importance than that which he has provided unto us. There is nothing of a greater importance than God and his saving grace. If we violate the commandments of God, he will judge us immediately for our unwillingness to submit to him. It is very essential for God's people to commune with him, so that we might be forgiven. We must first come to God in accordance to the things that we have done in our life before we can come to him on behalf of others. Preparation requires an open relationship between ourself and God.

1 Timothy 2: 5 – 7,....for there is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ, who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. Where unto I am ordained a preacher, an apostle, I spoke the truth in Christ, and lie not, a teacher of the gentiles in faith and verity....

We live in a world that has turned its back on the one true creator. This is because humanity and worldliness teaches unto us that everything has become relative, which means that the world sees everything as their God, so therefore the truth of their love is directed toward worldliness and away from the one that has created us, and has given unto us his saving grace. This world has become a place where every truth of the word of God has been twisted through worldly deception, and humanity is following after the gods of their own imagination. We must learn that Christ is the single mediator between God and man. God did not make it difficult for man to come to him, it is a simple way, which means just simply believing upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. No one can come to the Father except through the Son, who is the single intercession between ourselves and God.

Isaiah 59: 16 – 21,....and he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor, therefore his arm brought salvation unto him, and his righteousness, it sustained him....according to there deeds, accordingly he will repay....so shall they fear the name of the Lord....the spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him....as for me, this is my covenant with them....my spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth....from henceforth and forever....

Humanity is looking for a man, which is someone to bring hope, someone to bring change, someone who can solve all of the world's problems. The problem is that humanity is looking for a man and all men our fallen, corrupted by sinfulness, and seeking after worldly power. Even the church is redefining Christianity, and instead of trying to save the souls of mankind, they are trying to save the material and physical aspects of the world in which we live. The word tells us that God looked and saw no man, no one that could intervene or intercede, so, Christ and Christ alone came, and through the cross, crucifixion and resurrection, brought unto us salvation. As we study and meditate on the word of God, we can see the world just as God sees it. A world, that because of sin, is not experiencing the promises of God. A world that through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit could recognize the cause of all their difficulties and respond, if only they would cry out to a merciful and gracious God, who will save them, if only they would believe. God wants man to have his righteousness and he will come to deliver mankind. Victory over sin has already been determined through the sacrifice that was made by Christ, and this victory has, and will continue to have, world wide implications.

Leviticus 16: 11 – 16,....and Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin offering....and he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the alter before the Lord....and he shall put the incense upon the fire before the Lord....and he shall take the blood....and sprinkle it....upon the mercy seat....then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering....and he shall make an atonement in the holy place....

Offering. God designated a sin offering for all of mankind, which was the sacrifice of his Son, Christ Jesus. Christ, who was chosen by God, shed his blood, which was taken to a most holy place, securing an eternal atonement for all who will believe upon him. This acceptance and belief, serves as our protection from the wrath of God, guarding us from eternal separation from God, which would be a sentence to an eternal hell.

Romans 12: 1 – 2,....I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable, unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God....

The word of God urges all believers to earnestly apply the truth of the gospel of salvation to every aspect of their lives. We as Christians, have the ability to do this through the grace and mercy that we have received from God. Since salvation, is a free gift from God, there is nothing to be done to repay him. But through our new life in Christ, and because of his love that now lives within us through the indwelling Holy Spirit, we have the ability to show our gratitude by offering ourselves to him. Glorifying God means offering our love and service freely, and willingly, to him. As Christians, we must not let our spiritual life become an emotional, social agenda, as some churches do, but through God's mercy and grace that is within us, we must always express the spiritual worth of Christ. We must always show the hope of the saving grace of Jesus Christ to all mankind. We must always remember that not caring about the salvation of others, is not merciful.

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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