

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Sermon

10.31.2021

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 Power of Truth can Walk on Water

## John 6: 15 – 21

The word of God reminds us numerous times, not to be afraid, but to trust in God our creator, who created all things, by the word of his mouth, and upholds all things by the strength of his mighty power. As Christians, being made free from sin, through salvation, we have become his children, born in the likeness of his image, and therefore we are recipients of his precious promises. These promises give unto us the assurance, that God is our provider and deliverer, and by his word, he will give unto us the greatest hope of his unending love in the midst of all of our difficult circumstances in life. For our hope is not in this world, and our trust is not in ourselves, but in God, and in his word, for his word is true, and his promises are sure, because his word is his Son, Jesus Christ.

**Psalm 119: 160,....**the sum of your word is truth, and everyone of your righteous ordinances is everlasting....

From the time that God began to speak creation into existence he has never disappointed the hope of mankind. The course of his faithfulness has been so great that from the beginning, even unto the end, his word is true and faithful. There is not one single mistake in the word of God. There are no regrets, nothing to retract, nothing to amend or to reverse. All of Gods judgements, commands, and purposes are righteous and everlasting. When, by the spirit we came to believe in the saving grace of Jesus Christ, we came to understand that his promises were faithful and true, and we know that he will defend, and preserve us eternally.

**John 6: 20 – 21,....**when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take him by force....he departed....when evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into the boat, and went over the sea....and it was already dark....the sea rose....a great wind was blowing....then they saw Jesus walking on the sea....and they were afraid....but he saith unto them, it is I, be not afraid, then they willingly received him....

There are times in our lives as believers, when we allow worldly fear to distract our spiritual guidance, disrupting it to the point, that we do not recognize who Christ truly is. We do not always recognize Christ in our life due to the fact that we often close our eyes to the reality of that which Christ is trying to show unto us, all the while trying to give unto us, his direction in our life. Remember, obedience does not always produce comfort. There are times that following Gods will for our life will mean that we will experience animosity from the world. There is a purpose to the trials and tribulations that we will go through in our life, but we can rest assured in knowing that God is watching over us at all times.

**Proverbs 16:1 – 9,....**all the ways of man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirit....everyone proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord....pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall....there is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death....

Pridefulness, will close our eyes to the reality of Gods word. It will transform our mind, our body, and our heart and soul. It affects our relationship with God by taking away our love, our passion, and our desire to do the will of God. As we grow in grace and in the knowledge of Gods word, we will learn that even though we make plans and purposes in our hearts on how to achieve our desired goals, God is the one who directs our paths, he is the one who establishes each step that we will take. We must not allow ourselves, to be deceived by the testimony of those who claim to be, of a firsthand witness to the power of an almighty God. In doing so, we limit ourselves to the power of man, instead of living by faith and trusting in the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**Romans 16: 17 – 20,....**note, those who cause division and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you have learned, and avoid them....by smooth words and flattery speech they deceive the hearts of the simple....

Satan will use false prophets and teachers to cause disunity and distress in the lives of the Christians, which will therefore in return, divide the body of Christ. This disunity will cause confusion in our life and in our ability to allow the indwelling Holy Spirit to control our life, and the worldly fears that have overtaken us, keeping us from recognizing the power of God. In order, to recognize Christ, we must have our eyes opened by God. Just reading the word, without fervent prayer, is not sufficient, for recognizing Christ. Recognizing Christ, requires that God, through his supernatural powers of the Holy Spirit, opens our eyes, through spiritual sight.

**John 4: 24,....**God is a spirit, and they that worship him, must worship him in spirit and in truth....

This means, that even if we worship God, and if we only worship him through symbolic acts, and manmade rituals, as well as fleshly works, and emotional outburst, we are not going to recognize Christ, nor will he recognize us. God looks at our heart, and he delights in those, who approach him humbly, reverently, and in the fear of the Lord, not in the fear of the world.

**1 Corinthians 12: 1 – 3,....**therefore I made known to you that no one speaking by the spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit....

Christ always points us to the Father, and the Holy Spirit always promotes Christ and the cross. We must awaken to the call of the Lord in our life. We must be alert, and able to discern that which is spiritually true, against that which is false.

**1 Peter 5: 6 – 7,....**therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon him, for he cares for you....

There is nothing that we go through, that God does not have knowledge of, and concern for. We as believers, must develop a teachable spirit. This begins with humility. Humbleness opens our doorway of fellowship with the Lord, but pridefulness disrupts our relationship with God and causes division. Humility, which is one of the gifts given unto us through the indwelling Holy Spirit, should be our goal as a Christian.

**James 4: 6 – 8,....**but he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but gives grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God, resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you....

**John 6: 21,....**then they willingly received him....

As soon as we recognize God, we will willingly receive him, and this willingness, comes by a great sense of joy, now knowing, that God is in control of our life.

**Isaiah 43: 1 – 3,....**but now, thus says the Lord, who created you....and he formed you....fear not, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name and you are mine....for I am the Lord your God, the holy one of Israel, your Savior....

Our spirit of humility is well pleasing unto God, for it is this spirit, that represents his Son, Jesus Christ. As believers, we are to follow after the example of Christ, humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, and take up our cross and follow him. As we do this, we will grow in Gods grace, and in the wisdom and knowledge of Christ. In Gods timing, he will raise us up in newness of life, away from the fear of the world and into the fear of the almighty God, and into the eternal hope of our saving grace, which comes through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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