

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.

Expressing The Divine Glory of God

John 11: 33 – 40

As believers nothing should keep us from expressing our faith in the power of Christ, and trusting in his will as the promised messiah, who will answer our prayers even though oftentimes we ask for things that are greater than our understanding and faith. We must seek for and pray for a faith that is greater than our feelings and our understanding, knowing that when we ask in Jesus name, and faith believing, that God hears our prayers, and blesses us with his greatest wisdom and knowledge, in accordance, with the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. We do not always express the confidence and the faith in Christ that he would have us to express, but even through our disappointments, we must still show unto him our belief, which we have in our salvation and eternal life.

1 Corinthians 10: 31,....whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God....

All of God's creation is absorbed with putting on display the glory of God. So how can we as believers follow after the example of creation. In the book of Exodus Moses humbly said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. In order, for God's glory to be demonstrated through us, we must prove that we can give unto God the glory that belongs unto him. We do this as believers by confessing our sins when we are disobedient to his word, forgiving others and proclaiming the compassion of Christ, trusting in God with all our heart, giving thanks for all that he has done, all that he is doing, and all that he will continue to do in our life, praying without ceasing and studying to show ourselves approved unto him. These things will help us to reflect the attributes of God and express his divine glory to all mankind.

John 11: 33 – 40,....When Jesus therefore saw her weeping....he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled....and he said, where have you laid him....Jesus wept....behold how he loved him....Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave....Jesus said, take ye away the stone....Jesus saith unto her, said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God....

Christ saw the pain and suffering of the people that physical death causes. Even though he knew this happening was to the glory of God, he deeply cared for his loved ones and felt their pain, therefore he had compassion for their loss. God never takes our pain lightly, even when he knows that he is going to restore everything that we have lost. The greatest gift that we can offer up to others, is our ability in Christ to give compassion to those who are hurting, and to share in their suffering.

1 John 4: 11,....beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another....

Having been redeemed by the blood of Christ, he sent his spirit to indwell within us, to abide in our heart, to seek out and to transform us into obedient and mature sons and daughters, so that we may have the same, compassionate, Godly nature as the Lord Jesus Christ himself. Just as it was in Christ day, sadly, much of the church today, still operates in fear and not in faith. Due to this lack of faith Christ was saddened in his heart. Christ desire is that humanity will believe in him, and he knows that it is our faith that leads to salvation. What Christ truly wants for us in our faith believing is for us to acquire everything that we will ever need, and he puts all things right in front of us, yet we seem to miss it.

Hebrews 11: 6,....but without faith it is impossible to please him, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him....

Too often, those who started out in their Christian life by faith, stop relying on the truth, of the word of God. Taking our eyes off God means that, we will begin to doubt his word. This allows man to become careless in seeking the Lord, and man begins to stray away from his love. Although our salvation can never be broken, our fellowship with Christ can be broken, when we let go of our life of trusting God, and our dependence on his word, and we begin to rely on our own strength. When we do not rely on the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will eventually fail. Too often, we try every conceivable way on our own before we will admit that we Christ help in seeking after God. As Christians, the more that we trust in God's word, and believe in his promises, the more that we will grow in his grace, mature in his faith, and walk in his spirit and truth. We must be determined to live our Christian life in a manner that is well pleasing to the Lord and glorifying to God. We may oftentimes weep over this sinful and corrupt world, and over the things that are happening in it, but we must remember, that in Christ, we have a greater hope. We also must remember, Christ had to suffer, Christ had to endure pain, Christ had to weep, so that we would not have to.

Psalm 126: 5- - 6,....they that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth fourth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him....

Jesus, who had never known sin, became sin for all who would believe in him, so that in him we would become the righteousness of God. All of God's creation is made so that we may absorb the glory of God. This display of his glory demonstrates, how that we can give God the glory that belongs to him.

1 Corinthians 10: 31 – 33,....whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God. Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved....

Our actions should be as such that allows us to show our compassion to others, for their spiritual good, not their worldly happiness. This means that we should not act in such a way that would cause others to stumble spiritually, it is our goal to lead as many as possible to faith in Christ. When faced with choices in life, there are at least two things to consider, do my choices glorify God or do my actions have a detrimental effect on my fellow man.

John 11: 33 - 36,....Jesus saw her weeping....he groaned in the spirit....Jesus wept....behold how he loved him....

Mankind responds in various ways to Gods miraculous signs. Signs that offer up warnings and guidance, which some will accept, but others will not take the message seriously, thinking that it does not apply to them. What is the key to believing, it is faith. What is the key to our faith, it is being thankful. Our prayers do not always need to be a request, because our heavenly Father already knows what is going to happen, therefore our prayers oftentimes need to be that of, gratitude and thanksgiving, for those things that are taking place or going to take place in our lives. Our faith must not waiver, what seems to be impossible to us, is not impossible with God. God's splendor and glory will leave a life changing impact on our hearts and minds. There are times, that due to our lack of faith and understanding, that these life changing events in our lives will bring about disappointment and sadness. Through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are given wisdom, knowledge, and understanding in God's word, so that our faith may increase and so that we may be able to see the joy of the glory of God being manifested in our lives.

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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