

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

1.2.2022

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 Way, the Truth, and the Life

John 14: 1 – 11

The best way, the only way, to gain peace of mind, is to trust in Christ. We gain peace of mind through salvation when we are justified in Christ, then we continue in his peace of mind, by sanctification, which comes through the work of the Holy Spirit that is within us and is then reflected to all humanity. The process of sanctification in our life is portrayed within us as spiritual growth. Salvation is not just a work that happens when we are born again, it is a work that continues until we are brought into the fullness of the image of Christ. God calls all humanity to hear the gospel and then respond to it in faith believing. Through this, we are justified and brought into his righteousness, and in the end, we will be glorified, which is the completion of our salvation. So, what is it that motivates us to suffer, to serve, and to preach the gospel of Christ so that we may let our light so shine that others may see the works of Christ within us. It is the Love of God. The importance to understanding the love of God is such that we might be able to grasp this understanding through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. As we begin to gain the understanding of Gods love it will set in motion our spiritual growth, and the working of our salvation.

Matthew 5: 16,....Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven....

John 14: 1,....let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me....

Christ intention is to always reassure us of his love for us, so that we might always show his love unto others. These reassuring works are meant to comfort us in our life. Putting our trust in the word of God will establish our belief in the truth, so that we might resist the worldly temptations that cloud our thoughts and our minds, which in turn leads to disobedience and sinfulness. When we allow worldliness to block Gods love in our life, it disrupts our spiritual eyesight so that we cannot see into the hope of our eternal life. We become troubled because we do not understand. For this reason, Christ speaks words of comfort unto us through his word. Even with this, we still tend to approach our troubles and trials in worldly confusion which brings about pain and suffering in our life. We live in a world that is filled with emotional stress, and although we cannot prevent the pressures of this life from happening, we do have the assurance from Christ that we can overcome, because Christ himself overcame. In this, we can be assured that there is joy unspeakable for all who will believe and trust in Christ Jesus as Lord and savior of our life.

1 Peter 1: 7 – 9,....that the trial of your faith....might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ....whom having not seen, ye love....yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls....

John 14: 2 – 5,....in my Fathers house are many mansions....I go to prepare a place for you....and if I go....I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also....whither I go you know, and the way ye know....Lord, we know not whither thou goest, and how can we know the way....

What a great privilege it is going to be to abide eternally with Christ and the Father. This invitation assures us that in the family of God there is room for all mankind. Through the crucifixion and the resurrection, and in faith believing, mankind begins to live within the realm of the Fathers house because the Father is now living within. Christ was not going away to a specified place, but he was coming into the hearts of a peculiar people which are those who believe upon him and accept his saving grace. Christ atonement for our sins opened the way, and through the indwelling Holy Spirit, he and the Father has made their house and it is abiding within all those who will freely accept. As believers, we now are at home with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and there is plenty of room for everyone who will accept that their body is now the temple, the dwelling place of God.

1 John 4: 15,....whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God....

1 Corinthians 3: 16 – 17,....Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you, if any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy, for the temple of God is Holy, which temple ye are....

2 Corinthians 6: 16,....for ye are the temple of the living God, as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people....

John 14: 6 – 8,....Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me....if you had known me, ye should have known my Father....Phillip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us....

As believers, we know the way because we know Christ, and Christ himself is the way. Our eternal life begins, when by faith, we accept the saving grace of Jesus Christ. In order, to see the character of God, we must examine the character of Christ. All the attributes of God are revealed in Christ, and we are given these attributes in his word. To examine the characteristics of Christ, we must study and meditate on his word. The word of God encourages us to maintain our faith in Christ, to be obedient to the word, after all, our eternal journey should be less stressful, because we are familiar with his final destination. We cannot strive to earn our way to heaven, we can only seek to follow Christ. Humanity does not object to those who have said that they have believed in Christ and now have salvation, but it offends them to be told that only those who will believe in Christ will have salvation. This is because humanity is determined to accomplish saving grace through good works. What is not realized is that living according to the sinful nature, no matter how many good works that are done, there cannot be reconciliation with God. Everyone knows the way, but not everyone will accept it. The way to God is not of this world, it is the way of the cross. Worldly deception and confusion will distort the truth so that we will not know which way to turn. Without Christ, we do not know what the truth is, and there is no way to live our life in him, or to have peace of mind in facing death. There is no other religion, faith, philosophy, or gospel that can lead us to God other than Christ. We must strive to understand and grasp the greatness of our salvation, so that the simple truth of the saving grace of Jesus Christ will calm our troubled heart so that our joy in the Lord might be full, and that we may be willing to share the good news of Christ with whomsoever the Lord places in our path.

John 15: 10 – 12,....if ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love....these things I have spoken unto you, and that your joy might be full....this is my commandment that ye love one another, as I have loved you....

John 14: 9 – 11,....Jesus saith unto him, have I been so long with you, and yet thou hast not known me....he that hath seen me hath seen the Father....believeth thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me....believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me....

The word that we have are the words of Christ, and the words of Christ are the words of God. Christ did not come to do his own will, but to do the will of God. Everything that Christ tells us through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit comes straight from God the Father. Christ, as the word, perfectly reveals unto us the Father. As believers in Christ, we have witnessed Christ perfect character, we have listened to the wisdom of his word, we have seen proof of his divine righteousness, but yet at times, it still does not penetrate the understanding of their heart. Often time, we become spiritually blinded, and when this happens, we begin to look for physical evidence, and usually we are looking for this in the world. So, how can we overcome spiritual blindness. We simply must believe. Just as we believed unto salvation, so must we continue to believe as we live our life in Christ. Believing means that our eyes of understanding will be opened. Christ, who is our savior, is also our mediator, our advocate to the Father, and our comforter. Christ upholds all things by the word of his power. Through the study of his word, we will deepen our belief in Christ. Our service to God, is to continue to do the work that Christ began when he was upon the earth. The greatest work that we can do is to continue to connect those who are lost to the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

John 6: 35 – 40,....this is the Fathers will which hath sent me, that all of which he hath given me I should lose nothing....this is the will of him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life....

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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