

Mt. Lebanon Church

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Sermon

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.

Would We Exist without God – Part 1

Ephesians 2: 8 - 12

The very first statement that is brought unto us through the word of God is that there is a beginning, and that God created everything. This means, that humanity would not exist without God. In this same manner, the controversy concerning whether God exist or not is pointless, and the statements proclaimed by mankind about his well being, and his abilities of such, with no supreme being or power, has no merit or truth. We, as believers, are the only ones that can understand this, due that the non-believer continually looks for ways to prove his existence without the presence of an almighty God. So, how do we as Christians, prove by example, that there is a God. It must come through faith and obedience in the word of God. We must not only have the faith to accept God, but we must learn to understand his existence in our life. We can only understand his existence in our life only if he truly does exist in our life, which is through salvation.

Ephesians 2: 8 – 12,....for by grace are you saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it a gift from God, not of works, lest any man should boast....for we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.... that at that time you were without Christ....having no hope and without God in the world....

We are Gods new creation in Christ, he gave unto us life in Christ. We must never forget that it is only by Gods grace that we have been saved. Now, we have not been raised to this newness in life for no purpose. Our spiritual actions and works can only be carried out through our new abundant life in Christ which is guided by the Holy Spirit. Salvation is our new beginning. Despite humanities effort to exclude God, choosing to accept this new beginning is our eternal life. In order, to believe in the existence of an almighty God, we must have faith, which can only come from God. So therefore, to say that there is no God, but yet we exist, and this wisdom can only come through faith, which can only come from God. God, the one whom we did not believe in, but now we must believe, if we believe in ourselves.

Acts 17: 30,....and the times of this ignorance God winked at, but now commanded all men everywhere to repent....

Although man was made in the image of God, man through the imagination of his own heart, still chooses to make worldly Gods for himself. Therefore, what God started in making man in his own image, man now, because of his own sinfulness, decided he would make his own Gods, through his own imagination, according to his own sinful, corrupt thinking. Because of this, God now must command all mankind, to turn from this wickedness, to serve the true and living God. The simple gospel, that Christ died for sins, was buried, and rose again according to the word of God, cannot be compromised, for there is no other name given among men whereby we must be saved.

Acts 4: 12,....neither is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men, where by we must be saved....

Through Christ and the cross, God gave humanity a fresh start and now will no longer overlook man's sinfulness. Through God's grace and mercy, especially now in this grace dispensation period, we have been privileged with the ability to hear, and to accept the truth of the gospel of Christ. We now must seek to tell others about the saving grace of Jesus Christ. In order, to teach people about the saving grace of Jesus Christ, in order, to get them to understand salvation, in order, for humanity to understand the need for salvation, we must first get them to understand God, and his existence.

Genesis 1: 1,....in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth....

The bible shows us, God as the creator of the universe and creator of humanity itself. He is revealed through his law, through his wisdom, his grace, and his redemptive mercy. By his prophets, God speaks to humanity his word, his circumstances, and his many actions which reveals unto us his sovereignty and his mighty power. The only thing that God did not create was himself, he has always existed.

The book of Genesis, although the first book of the bible, was written by Moses, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. This book was written during a time that humanity was participating in the worship of the sun, moon, stars, seas, and other natural wonders. It was also written to those that believe in God and to those who believe that he is the creator of all things. It is given, so that we may better understand, not only our own existence, but also the existence of a sovereign, omnipotent, omniscience, omnipresent God, who has created everything that exist and has given all unto us, through faith, so that we may be strengthened in his word, in order, to reveal unto others his existence.

Isaiah 44: 24,....thus says the Lord, your redeemer, and he who formed you from the womb, I am the Lord, who makes all things, who stretches out the heavens alone, who spreads abroad the earth by myself....

God means for us to understand him first and foremost as creator. No person, who claims to believe that the word of God is the truth, can reject a belief in God. The bible encourages us to read, and to meditate, in order to understand and to enjoy the time that we spend in giving insight into the workings of an almighty God.

Psalms 19: 1 – 4,....the heavens declare the glory of God....there is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard....their words is to the end of the world....

The more we learn about how and why the earth was created, and structured, and how it works, the more we will fully grasp the power of God. Mankind, through his own ignorance, has ignored the vastness of the evidence, that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Instead, they have changed the glory of the incorruptible God into images made in the likeness of corruptible man.

Romans 1: 23 – 24,....professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man, and birds and four footed animals and creeping things. Therefore, God gave them up to uncleanness....

All men have been given proof of God, through creation, and through their own God given consciences, but most have failed to recognize this, and therefore would not become a believer, or a witness for the Lord. God has given unto us the holy scripture, which details his amazing plan of salvation, so that humanity might believe and be saved, by grace through faith. The bible is not a representation of the saying that there is no God. When David wrote this passage in the book of Psalm, he was referring to the deceptiveness of the wicked, who live and believe and behave in a manner that their belief is, that God does not notice their sinful acts. These wicked men believe God will not see their evil works. They also believe that they will never encounter any adversity but will continue to avoid any punishment or consequences from an almighty God.

Psalm 14: 1 – 2,....the fool hath said in his heart, there is no God....the Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God....

There are those that at first will declare confidence in God, but as time continues this trust begins to falter. This comes mainly due to being envious of the prosperity of the world. Mankind sees the world as a place to avoid problems and pain, difficulties, and dangers, and all the while avoiding the lives of the Godly. Every man has the free will to either choose to do good or harden their heart to all that is holy and true. These choices however have eternal consequences. Too often the search for worldly wealth causes us to trust in sinfulness, rather than placing our trust in the Lord, therefore submitting to the fact that there is no God, for this God has rebuked humanity for its corruption and its sinfulness. Humanity must choose between life and death, light, and darkness, good and evil, blessings and cursing's, forgiveness or condemnation, salvation, or eternal destruction.

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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