

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 2

Ephesians 2: 8 - 12

There are times in our lives when we need a new beginning with God. We often time fail the Lord terribly because of rebellion and sinfulness. Is it possible to experience our new beginning over and over again, yes it is, but where do we start. God will use the experience of our new beginning to reestablish our faith and trust in him. In order to experience, once again, our new beginning, we must focus on the cross of Christ. If we want to seek the Lord with all heart, if we want to draw near to Christ, it must start with forgiveness. Good works will never earn us God's forgiveness, we must put our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, or we will pay the consequences of our sinfulness. The standard that we need in our life is that everything that we do must be according to the word of God. Obedience is the key and walking each day of our life in this obedience will bring us closer to God in faith, and in spiritual maturity. As we begin to grow in our faith, not only will our commitment to God strengthen, but our unity with other believers will strengthen as well. Any significant work that we do for the Lord will produce greater results when we work together in harmony with other believers. We are not just part of Gods heavenly family, but we are now a part of the whole family of God, the church, the body of Christ. For this reason, we are never alone, we know Christ as our personal savior, and we know our brothers and sisters in Christ, whom we love, and are ready, willing, and able to help one another in time of need.

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....

All are under sin, and every person will be judged by God, on the basis, of their own choices. Therefore, those that are to be found under sin, or guilty of sin, will be deserving of Gods anger and wrath. For this, all people, without exception, are in need of Gods saving grace. As believers, we rejoice that we have been saved by grace through faith in Christ. Trusting in Christ must never be viewed by us as an understanding that makes us deserving of the righteousness, of Christ. We must never see our salvation as something that we have earned, it is simply Gods gracious, unmerited, free gift, to all who will simply trust in the only begotten Son of God.

Roman 3: 10 – 12,....there is none righteous, no, not one, there is none who understands, there is none who seek after God, they have all turned aside, they have together become unprofitable, there is none who does good, no, not one....

We are living in a day where mankind is always looking to discover something new. They promote what they feel that they are seeing through worldly eyes, as logical. Then through deceptiveness they exaggerate the emotional feelings of themselves, and others. Wealth, and happiness is being preached as, the ultimate goal in life. This unknown, that is ignorantly being taught by the world, gives unto the believer an opportunity to share with humanity the one true God. We begin by explaining that this God, who is the creator of heaven and earth, is the source of life for all mankind. So, we preach, Christ and the cross, who is the image of the invisible God.

Colossians 1: 15 - 18,....he is the image of the invisible God, the first born over all creation. For by him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he may have preeminence....

Do we have proof that God does exist. Through salvation we see God's creation, and we see that all worldly objects can and will change at times from things that are potentially going to happen to things that actually happen. The cause of that change must be something other than that of the object itself. The history of the universe can be seen as an endless list of changes, but something has to initiate those changes, and that something had to be something that is unchangeable and possesses all the properties that these objects came to possess. This entity must be eternal, due to it is the root of all changes, changes that are necessary, and changes that must exist. This entity is God.

Psalms 90: 2,....before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, you are God....

Faith is defined not only by looking at the present and forward to the future, but also by looking back at the past.

Hebrews 11: 3,....by faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible....

The word of God in its entirety points us to believe in God as the creator of the universe as a whole. This belief is based upon putting our trust in God and in the things of his creation that we can see, and by putting our faith in him and in the objects of his saving grace which we cannot see. It is especially important to understand that this is demonstrated by our obedience to God, and his word. Although we cannot see how God's plan is going to work out in our life, and in the lives of others every minute of every day, by faith and through his word, we know that it will all work together for good, to those who love the Lord, and his glory. As long as we have breath to breathe, we must continue to explain the existence of God. We must continue to tell others that, in the beginning it was God that created the heavens and the earth.

Matthew 28:19,....go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit....

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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