

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

1.23.2022

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.

Jesus Prayer for his Disciples

John 17: 6 – 19

It is very difficult for humanity to understand that Christ is the only mediator between God and man. No one, or nothing else has the power to intercede for us before the throne of God. Christ intercedes for us as believers, and therefore God sees us in the perfect righteousness of Christ, so that God may accept us as blameless before him. Christ continually pleads our case to the Father while Satan continually accuses us before the Father, pointing out our sins and weaknesses. For this reason, Christ intercedes on our behalf, and can rightfully do so because he perfect God, and perfect man, yet without sin. Christ understands our human experiences and temptations, and he took on our sin debt and paid for that debt on the cross, so that we could take on his righteousness.

1 John 2: 1,....my little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not....and if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous....

Gods goal for us as believers is to mature in Christ his Son. Even though, while maturing, we are still capable of sin, this is because we have a free will to choose to sin or choose to resist the temptation of sin. We have hope and hope through Christ, who is our advocate, hope that gives unto us a great message of reassurance. Although our union with God will never end, our communion with him is broken through sin. Sin is the one thing that blocks our fellowship with God, but God has put in place a way for the believer to be restored into communion with himself, and that way is Christ the Lord.

1 Timothy 2: 5,....for there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus....

John 17: 6 – 10,....I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world, thine they were, and thou gavest them me, and they have kept thy word....I have given unto them the words....they have received them....they have believed that thou didst send me....I pray for them, I pray not for the world but for them which thou hast given me, for they are thine....all mine are thine, and all thine are mine, and I am glorified in them....

As we come to Christ, through faith believing, and remain obedient to his word, then does Christ reveal the true character and nature of the Father unto us. This all comes about because he prays to the Father for us. He does not pray for all humanity, but it is exclusively on behalf of those that have believed upon his name. This is because humanity rejected God's plan of his saving grace through faith in Christ, but those who believed, now belong to God, and Christ is glorified in them. As followers of Christ, we are far from perfect, but thankfully, perfection is not required, just humbleness and faith. We are all Gods gift to his Son, and we have all been bought with a price. As we receive the word of truth willingly, and as we begin to understand that Christ is one with the Father, then we begin to receive the goodness of his righteousness, which the results of, become life everlasting with him. Christ, during his life here upon this earth, glorified the Father and finished the work that he had been sent to do. Now he prayed that this glory would be shared with those whom he had chosen to be his closet friends, the ones who had received him, followed him, and believed upon his name. Christ prayer also expanded into intercession for the whole body of Christ, those who would come to him in faith believing, through his word of truth. Christ prayed that through the crucifixion and resurrection believers might be united together in salvation, through faith, in hope, in truth, and in love.

Hebrews 7: 22 – 25,....by so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament....but this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood....wherefore he is able to save them....that come unto God by him....seeing he even liveth to make intercession for them....

Christ saves us in a way in which the old covenant never could. What mans effort could not achieve, Christ finished work on the cross has already done. This means, that God and only God can save anyone, no matter how sinful that they may be. Christ sacrifice was perfect, without limitation, therefore when he saves us, it is in his entirety, and it is forever.

John 17: 11 – 12,....now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I am come to thee....keep....those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are....I kept them in thy name....and none of them is lost, but the Son of perdition....

It is very important that the body of Christ remains unified concerning the testimony of salvation, which is our commission from Christ. For this reason, Christ is continually praying to the Father on our behalf. This is, due to the fact, that all believers, or faithful followers, remain in the world to continue the work that Christ himself had begun. As the body of Christ, Christians are the ones that God uses to spread to good news of the gospel of the saving grace of Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world. Our prayer should be the same as Christ prayer, and that is that the Father will keep the church secure in the truth of his word, to remain united in his love. For this reason, we have the power to stand firm in our salvation, united together in the will and purpose of Gods plan.

2 Timothy 4: 17 – 18,....the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me, that by me the preaching might be fully known....and the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom....

Despite difficult trials and tribulations, we, are able, to rejoice, knowing that the Lord stands by us and strengthens us in our hour of need. This is to help us to grow in faith, so that we may have the ability to continue to preach the word of God. Despite the shocking events that are happening in the world at large, we should not worry or be concerned, but we should trust in God, no matter what happens.

John 17: 13 – 19,....now I come to thee....that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves....I have given them my word....I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from evil....sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth....thou hast sent me into the world, I also sent them into the world....I sanctify myself, that they also may be sanctified through the truth....

God's desire is not to shelter us from the world, but to give unto us the ability to interact, and to communicate with the world, so to be an effective witness for Christ. This, is why, that we have been given the word of God, which comes directly from the Son. Christ acted accordingly to the will of the Father, believers ought to act according to the will of Christ. In order, to do this, obedience is required. Believers are sent into the world to make a difference in the lives of those, that we, come in contact with. Our commission should be led by God, inspired by God, and according to the will of God. This comes through the word of God, which is living and powerful, because it is the word of truth. As we read, study, and meditate on this truth, it allows us to complete the good work that Christ has started within us. The glory of God has been given unto those that have come into a union with Christ, as their savior. For this, we are being conformed day by day into his likeness, as we submit to the leadership and guidance of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Christ desire is for the church to have a oneness with him as we have a oneness with those in the body of Christ. With this, we become one in his principle and purpose, in his thought, word and deed, as well as in his faith, doctrine, love and hope. This enables us to demonstrate the glory of God, full of grace and truth.

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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