

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Adult Sunday School Lesson

5.1.2022

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.

Glory of the New Covenant

## 2 Corinthians 3: 7 – 18

Christ first coming to earth was to offer humanity, from eternity to eternity, an opportunity to be freed from the curse of sin and death, by way of the cross, crucifixion, and resurrection, so that mankind might have the ability to live their life in the hope of the saving grace of Jesus Christ, to the eternal righteousness and glory of God. When we choose to pursue the will of God in our life, we will submit ourselves to his righteousness, through obedience to his word. God responds unto us with spiritual truth through his word, which helps us to overcome the bondage that comes upon us through our own self righteousness when we fall to temptation, due to the deception and motivation which comes through false religions. God knows that we are weak in the flesh, which if we allow, will cause us to falter in our faith. Therefore, he provided a more excellent way, by purifying our hearts, as we come into submission to him. The more that we submit to him, the stronger we become in the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the more obedient we become to the truth of his word. Obedience will then bring about our understanding of who Christ truly is, and the freedom that we share with the Father through him.

**1 Corinthians 12: 27 – 31**,....now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular....covet earnestly ( earnestly desire ) the best gifts, and yet I show unto you a more excellent way....

We must not allow our self-righteousness to diminish the benefits that God has in store for us through the spiritual gifts that we have received through our salvation in Christ. These abilities and gifts must be used as determined by God and not by man. God has provided us with these abilities and gifts to carry out the good works that he has prepared for us to do. This is turn is not for self-gratification but for the edification of the whole body of Christ, and for the glory of God. All these come through and by the word of God, which is Gods final word to humanity through Christ Jesus, who is the living word. The greatest gift that we have as believers is the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit, who empowers us, and comforts us and teaches and guides us in the truth of all things, so that we may grow in grace, and learn to love others, just as God through Christ has loved us.

**2 Corinthians 3: 7 – 11**,....but if the ministration of death....was glorious, so that the children....could not steadfastly behold....the glory of his countenance, which glory was to be done away....how shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious....for if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory....for if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious....

The law fulfilled Gods intentions by showing mankind their inability to serve him on their own. The law revealed humanities sinfulness and showed them the need for a saviour. The glory of the law was temporary as it showed the reflection only, of the holiness and righteousness of God, which he required of man. It would be in Christ that this fulfillment would come, and would bring unto all those who would believe, salvation. Now, the law, even though temporary, was still necessary. Just because it was incomplete does not mean that it had no purpose, for everything that God has established has purpose and meaning. Because of Christ, the glory of Gods new covenant through him, exceeded the glory of the law, this is because nothing can be greater than the saving grace of Jesus Christ, because, only salvation can bring forth the righteousness of God and eternal life.

**Galatians 2: 16**,....knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law, for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified....

Although the law had been given to the Israelite children, through Moses, for the purpose of instruction to obedience, to bring them Christ, sadly we see through the scripture, that due to sinfulness and self-righteousness they were incapable of keeping that law. This is because the law had no power to justify sinners, only to bring wrath to all those who failed to keep its instruction. In the body of Christ, even yet today, many Christians still find it difficult to come to the obedience of Christ through faith. We must not let go of the understanding that we are justified by faith in Christ, clothed in his righteousness, redeemed, and called therefore to be holy as Christ is holy.

**1 Peter 1: 15 – 15,....**but as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy....it is written, be ye holy, for I am holy....

**Leviticus 11: 44,....**consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy for I am holy....

**2 Corinthians 3: 12 – 16,....**seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech....Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end....but their minds were blinded....even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart....nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away....

Just as the glory of God, which shown on the face of Moses, faded away, so did the glory of the law fade away, showing the temporary effect of the law, because the law had no immediate eternal impact. This is because God had not yet secured victory over sin. Victory over sin was secured by Christ on the cross, which brought into existence the new covenant of Gods saving grace. By faith, when we accept this new covenant, it allows us to become bold in our proclamation of the victory which Christ has secured for us. Sadly, many people today still cannot see the glory of the new covenant in Christ Jesus. This is because they have not allowed the saving grace of Jesus Christ to remove the veil and reveal the glory of God. Only Christ can take the veil away.

**1 Peter 3: 15,....**but sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear....

The word of God gives unto us wise instruction on how to grow in grace and live a godly life. This is to encourage us as believers to seek the peace in which we are sanctified in God, and to pursue his will in our life. This will equip us to be an example to the blessed hope of the grace of God, that gives salvation unto all who will call upon the name of the Lord.

**2 Corinthians 3: 17 – 18,....**now the Lord is that spirit, and where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty....but we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the spirit of the Lord....

Our new life in Christ shines forth with the glory of the Holy Spirit and will never fade. It is this glory of the holy Spirit that allows the believer to:

**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....

By faith, through the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ, our eternal future is secured forever. We must seek to grow ever humbly through obedience to Gods word so that our life in Christ may grow in his grace and in his knowledge, so that we may be filled with the fullness of God, according to his power, that is at work within us.

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.

*Tim Hughes*

304.376.3177 – Text or talk.

[Tim.hughes1962@gmail.com](mailto:Tim.hughes1962@gmail.com)

<https://hollowowlfarm.com/>



