

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Sermon

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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 Gods word.

Receiving Gods Promises By Faith

## **Romans 4: 18 – 25, Luke 24: 1 – 9**

What happens when God promises something that seems impossible to us, how do we react. Our deep faith in God is counted unto us as righteousness, and through this faith in God, we are justified, then we are declared righteous through the grace of God. Unwavering faith shows that we are growing stronger, and this gives unto us continued glory in God. We as Christians must trust in what God says, we must believe that all that he promises will come true, even if we do not understand how it will come to pass or when. Believers that truly trust in God, will be clothed in confidence, and strengthened in faith.

**Romans 4: 19 – 20,....**and being not weak in faith....he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong in faith, giving glory to God....

As Christians, we must believe and keep believing that God will keep his promises to us. We must also maintain our faith, even if our human experiences make those things that we have faith in, seem unlikely. When we are facing difficulties in our life, one of the first things that we must do is to consider that God is going to work things out. We have the tendency to believe that if it is too difficult for us, then it must be too difficult for God, but Christ said, with God all things are possible.

**Mark 10: 26 – 27,....**who then can be saved, and Jesus looking upon them saith, with man it is impossible, but not with God, for with God all things are possible....

No one can be saved on their own. Not only are we not capable of earning salvation on our own, we cannot even choose salvation without the power of God. God chooses who will be saved.

**Ephesians 1: 5 – 6,....**having predestined us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved....

**Romans 4: 21 – 22,....**and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able to perform, and therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness....

We must be fully convinced that God is able to do as he promises, and we must remain fully convinced, that even as time passes, that these promises will be fulfilled. The more time that passes, the stronger our faith becomes. In Christ, our sins are forgiven, which welcomes us into the family of God. All who will freely come to God, will be declared righteous by him, through faith, and even though we sin, we must still stand firm in that which is right and pleasing unto God. This means that even though we do those things that are Godly, we will still make mistakes. Through, all of this, our faith in God should not waver. In this, our faith in God will be counted unto us as righteousness, and this is all due to what God did for us through Christ and the cross, and this was done for all humanity.

**Romans 4: 23,....**now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him....

The pathway to eternal life is available to everyone who will believe in what God has done through his Son, Jesus Christ, on the cross. For this to happen, we must stop trusting in our own abilities and start trusting in God's power, to save us, and make us right with him. This is one more reason to trust God when he ask for us to put our continued faith in him. If his power can raise the dead, just think about what it can do in our own lives. God made his redemptive plan and set it into motion before sin entered the world. In his plan, God purposed that all who would believe in the shed blood of his only begotten Son would be declared righteous. It is not by what we do that causes God to credit us with righteousness, but it is what we believe. Although there are many differences in the ways that God works through his servants to salvation, the way to be saved always remains the same. Salvation is a matter of believing God's word, not by human merit or by the works of his own righteousness, or by believing in worldly rules or being regulated by humanities rituals.

**Ephesians 2: 8 – 9,....**for by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast....

**Romans 4: 24 – 25,....**if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification....

As we look back upon Christ death on the cross, and his glorious resurrection, we are brought to the realization of our sinfulness and unworthiness in the eyes of a holy God, the one who shows unto us our desperate need for salvation. Justification is only the first step in our unending journey of salvation. Once justified, we must understand that our old life is past, and that it must remain nailed to the cross, so therefore we are resurrected with him into newness of life. Our life in Christ is to mature in faith, grow in grace, and to walk in spirit and in truth.

**Galatians 5: 16,....**this I say then, walk in the spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh....

**Luke 24: 1 – 9,....**why seek ye the living among the dead, he is not here, but is risen....and they remembered his words....

Many people today are still looking for Jesus among the dead. Not believing in the crucifixion and resurrection, they believe that his body is still intombed. They do not understand the reality of the living Christ. As Christians, Christ identifies with us through his death on the cross, so that we are identified with him through his glorious resurrection.

**Galatians 2: 20,....**I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life which I now live in the faith I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me....

The crucifixion and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ are the critical elements of salvation. The truth of the gospel is that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised on the third day.

**1 Corinthians 15: 1 – 4,....**Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures....

We are saved by grace, we are positioned in Christ, we are identified with all that he is, and all that he has done. The Holy Spirit of the resurrected Christ, through salvation, indwells within me, so that although I remain in this perishable body, I live by faith in the Son of God. As I submit to the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, my grace in God is quickened. The more that I die to self, the more that I live for Christ. Faith, and faith alone is what saves me, faith that the stone was rolled away, faith that there was an empty tomb, faith that Christ has risen, and that by his resurrection we are able to rise with him, from death, death which is eternal separation from God the Father, but we rise unto life, life eternal with God.

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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