

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

7.31.2022

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 Heals a Centurions Servant

Luke 7: 1 – 10

How important in our life as a Christian is the attitude that we display toward others. Our attitude is extremely important because it is the first thing that people notice when they come face to face with us. Because we are in Christ, we allow him to guard our minds so that we might maintain a godly attitude. To determine whether or not our attitude is righteous with God, we must compare it against the word of God. Only through humility can we see if our attitude measures up to the characteristics of God. Humility is so very important to our relationship with God.

Ephesians 4: 22 – 24,....put off concerning the former conversation of the old man, which is corrupt according to deceitful lust, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness....

A godly attitude is the beginning of a good spiritual relationship. Our spiritual attitude is how that we approach others with our outlook on life. Our behavior, our lifestyle, our spiritual emotional feelings, and how that we think, comes from Christs word within us. We should seek Gods guidance concerning every aspect of our lives and allow his perfect will to work within us. We should pray about everything and worry about nothing. This means that in the midst of trials, we are to be patient, in the midst of suffering, we are to be hopeful, and in the midst of blessings, we are to stay humble. When we have a righteous attitude, it is then that God can use us, then can others see his work within us. As Christians, we have a responsibility to maintain our spiritual maturity in such a way that we may have the best godly attitude possible.

Luke 7: 1 – 5,....when he had ended all his sayings....a certain centurions servant....was sick, and ready to die....when he heard of Jesus, he sent....beseeching him....come and heal his servant....when they came to Jesus, they besought him....that he was worthy....

Just like the centurion, we should have a genuine concern for others. As Christians, we should be known for our spiritual goodness. Seeking God means searching for ways to help others. Kindness to others is kindness to Christ. There is always opportunity as we look at the world around us, instead of seeking our opportunity in the world we must learn to see the opportunities that God has presented us with. We are not just too good, but we are to persevere in doing good.

Philippians 2: 4,....look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

Having the love of God in our heart is key to maintaining our joy in the Lord. We are called to be as one in the spirit of God, to have an unselfish attitude, so that we may care about the needs of others above our own. In putting the needs of others first we find that we are pursuing the kind of humility that leads to mutual love and Christian unity. True humility is beyond our reach because we cannot unconditionally love others if we have not first received the unconditional love of Jesus Christ within ourselves.

Just like the centurion, we know that all circumstances are beyond the realm of our own authority, therefore, we go to the one who has the authority over all creation. With this authority God now gives unto us the responsibility to represent him and his salvation to all of humanity. Therefore, our responsibility is to choose to live a life dependent upon God, one that will reflect Gods glory to all who will hear and believe upon his Son.

Luke 7: 6 – 10,....Jesus went with them....the centurion sent friends to him, saying....trouble not thyself, for I am not worthy....but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed....when Jesus heard these things he marveled at him....and said unto the people....I have not found so great faith....and they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole....

Our faith in Christ reveals our respect for him, and for his power and great authority. Even though there are times that we do not feel worthy of his grace and his mercy, we still know that all that we have to do is to seek the Lord and his righteousness, and he will supply the need. It is in this manner that Christ honors our faith.

The only way that we can have such an enduring faith in God is by knowing God, which comes through his word. By this, then will our attitude become as Christ's attitude, full of compassion, mercy, and love. We must remember that it is not the amount of faith that is as important, but it is who that we put our faith in.

Romans 5: 1 – 2,....therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we also have access by faith into his grace where we stand....

By grace, through faith, we are made righteous in God, and this hope is revealed unto us through his written word. Therefore, our hope, our desires, our joyful expectations, is rooted and grounded in the foundation of his unchangeable, eternal word, which encourages us to live every day for Christ. Our future hope of the glory of God is shown through our patient endurance in our present sufferings.

Today's scripture teaches us, through the story of a miraculous physical healing, that the power of God is always present, and able to perform miraculous healings in our life, both physical and spiritual. God wants us to focus on the spiritual, and he will take care of the physical.

As we seek the Lord, as we put our trust in him, as we deny our own self-righteousness and claim the righteousness of God, then will we have the faith to believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ and be eternally forgiven, and spiritually healed. Even though we are not worthy, we know that Christ is worthy, and we understand that we are always in his presence, and all that we need is a spoken word from him.

Psalms 30: 2,....O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me....

Often time, we cry out to the Lord for his healing touch in our spiritual lives and also for our physical bodies. We often call out to God for healing for others as well. For these favors that we ask, we must not forget to give God thanks and praise for his healing touch in every area of our lives, and in the lives of those around us. We must always recognize that it is God who can, and will perform miracles every day in our lives, and in the lives of those whom we pray for. Our thankfulness and praise to God should always be given, because often time, God graciously responds to our request even before we have put the thoughts of our hearts into words.

Philippians 2: 13,....for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure....

As we abide in Christ, as we trust in his word, as we walk in his spirit and truth, as we submit our lives daily unto him, it is then that we demonstrate our faithfulness to him. Remember, it is God who is working within us, producing the good works that he has prepared for us to do, this is our righteous attitude in Christ Jesus.

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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