

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

8.14.2022

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.

A Lame Man Healed

Acts 3: 1 - 16

What is our motivation for doing the work that God has for us to do? Although today's lesson is an example of great faith and trust in God, it also teaches the importance of how that we are to portray our faith and trust to humanity. All glory and honor must be directed to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and it is not to be taken for our own personal benefit. Gods' intention for us is to be a witness of his Son, Jesus Christ, by allowing people to see the humble outcome of our life in him. Our witness was never intended to be an impossible service, bringing great burden upon ourselves and others. Believers cannot force non-believers to accept the gospel of the saving grace of Jesus Christ, but believers must be truthful when it comes to professing the outcome of a life with Christ or a life without Christ. As Christians, we are called to share Christ and the cross, and for this reason God has equipped us with the ability to do so. Living a godly life in the midst of humanity means that mankind cannot deny the reality of what Christ has done through are life. This in turn will open the door to speak the truth of the word of God to others and this truth will reveal the consequences of our actions, whether good or bad.

Jeremiah 17: 14,....heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed, save me, and I shall be saved....

There will be times in our lives when preaching the truth of the gospel means proclaiming the wrath and judgement that will come upon those who will not accept the saving grace of Jesus Christ. This is because the truth of the gospel, even though it gives unto us the promise of eternal joy and blessings, it also gives unto us the promise of the consequences of rejecting Christ and the consequences to the believer who is disobedience to Christ. Believers are called to be faithful and committed to the work that God has given unto us to do. We are not to be discouraged when our ministry seems unfruitful, therefore we cry out for healing, having the faith that we will be healed, and we cry out for deliverance, trusting that we will be saved.

Acts 3: 1 – 8,....Peter and John went up together into the temple....a....man lame from his mothers womb was carried....laid daily at the gate....seeing Peter and John....ask an alms....Peter....with John....said, look on us, and he gave heed....expecting to receive something....Peter said, silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee, in the name of Jesus Christ....rise up and walk....he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up....he leaping up stood....and entered with them into the temple....preaching God....

God provides many opportunities in our lives so that we might glorify him. Some opportunities are a long time coming, often set forth in time, with little to no understanding, until God provides the means for it to come to pass. We learn through the scripture that when God begins to move, the only way that we are going to receive his guidance is to ask for it.

Philippians 4: 6,....be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God....

Through the cross and the resurrection, the dividing wall of separation between God and man was torn down, allowing humanity access to the throne of grace so that we might find help in our time of need. Through faith believing in Jesus Christ, God brings a sanctification process which starts with justification in Christ. We are to tell the Lord all our needs, and we are commanded not to be anxious for anything, we are not to worry about nothing, and we are to fervently pray with confidence about everything.

1 Peter 5: 7,....casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you....

When being tested with trials and tribulations, we often time experience anxiety. When this happens, the Holy Spirit gives unto us the understanding that we have a God that knows us perfectly, a God who cares, a God who wants to answer us when we pray, a God who wants to forgive us when we repent, and a God who wants to comfort us when we are in need. Once we have entrusted our needs to God, then we must remain in the truthfulness and obedience of his word, so that we do not falter and fall back into a state of unrest. Once that we have laid our worries before God, they are no longer our responsibility, for we are allowing God to handle our worries in his own way, because he knows what is best, and he will do what is best for us. Our personal care is in the hand of the Lord.

Acts 3: 9 – 16,....all the people saw him walking and praising God....and they were filled with wonder and amazement....all the people ran together unto them....greatly wondering....when Peter saw it, he answered....why marvel ye at this?....as though by our own power....we had made this man to walk....God....hath glorified his Son....whom ye delivered up and denied....ye denied the holy one....and killed the prince of life....his name through faith....hath made this man strong....faith....hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all....

Standing firm in our salvation shows to others that there can be no doubt concerning the power of our faith in Christ. With this we must remember that we are only instruments for God, and we should be careful not to take credit for his work.

Ephesians 6: 10,....be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might....

As Christians, we must never forget that even though Christ blesses us with all heavenly blessings, and God has provided unto us the hope of eternal life with him, we still live among the sinfulness of this world, and daily we are faced with temptation and deception, which in our own strength, we are no match for. It is only when we are aware of our weaknesses and inabilities that we look to the Lord for strength. Only when we recognize our weaknesses, and die to oneself, will we be strong in the Lord.

1 Peter 3: 15,....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....

So how important is it that we portray our faith and our trust in God to all of mankind. As believers, we are called to be holy, and we are instructed to show the faith of God in our hearts to others with thanksgiving and praise. We are commanded to guard our hearts, turn from evil, and to do good. We are to seek peace and pursue it. No matter what our circumstances are in life, we must be ready and equipped to talk to others about the mercy and grace of God, that gives salvation unto whosoever will call upon the name of the Lord.

Philippians 1: 15 – 18,....some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife, and some also of good will....the one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely....but the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defense of the gospel....notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretense, or in truth, Christ is preached....

Our life in Christ has value because God has given it value. Our purpose, whether in life or in death is to glorify God. This we do as we encourage one another and build one another up in the gospel. This will help us to grow in our faith, which will motivate us to do the work that God has for us to do.

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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