

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

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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 God's word.

Miracles on Malta

Acts 28: 1 – 10

Coming to our own conclusions when considering situations could allow us to fall into the deception of thinking that we know what's going on, but in reality we are completely wrong. This will result in projecting our own opinion and emotional feelings on someone else, or on the situation at hand, instead of allowing the Holy Spirit to show unto us the truthfulness of the events that are taking place. It is always better to ask God for wisdom instead of assuming a false conclusion to any given situation. Such conclusions are usually untrue, and unhelpful, due to our passing judgement without knowing God's plan.

Proverbs 18: 13,....he that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him....

Godly wisdom will help us to listen carefully and answer slowly. We must make sure that we know every situation fully before making a judgement. Godly wisdom will keep us from giving worldly opinions, because wise men study before speaking. Righteous judgement will discard emotional feelings. Quick hearing and slow speaking produces wisdom.

In this week's lesson we will learn that God always has the right people in the right place and at the right time, so that he may accomplish his purpose. With this, God gives unto us the promise that his hand will always be upon us, even in those times, that we do not recognize or realize the dangers that are present. In everything that takes place, in every situation, whether expected or unexpected, God will open up opportunities to minister unto others the gospel of the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Acts 28: 1 – 6,....they knew that the island was called Melita....people shewed us no little kindness....received us everyone....Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks....laid them on the fire....came a viper out....fastened on his hand....when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said....no doubt this man is a murderer....and he shook off the beast into the fire and felt no harm....after they looked a while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a God....

When all hope seems lost, as Christians, we need encouragement and even those who do not know Christ, need encouragement. Today's lesson teaches us how to receive encouragement from the Lord, and then how to pass that encouragement on to others who so desperately need it. This means that as we receive Gods encouragement, we should encourage others to look to God.

1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 14,....18, 22 – 23, 27....as the body is one....all members of that one body....are one body, so also is Christ....by one spirit we are all baptized into one body....for the body is not one member, but many....now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him....those members....which seem to be more feeble, are necessary....those members....we think to be less honorable....we bestow more abundant honor....now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular....

Every believer is a part of the body of Christ because every believer has the Holy Spirit dwelling within them. One thing that every believer has in common is that all have been provided spiritual gifts, and these gifts are to be used in service to the Lord. Spiritual gifts are not about the people who use them, but they are about Gods eternal purpose and plan. Therefore, having one spiritual gift or another should not cause anyone to think that they are more spiritual or more important than another. A Christians, we must discover just how essential our role in the body of Christ truly is. The same ought to apply to how Christians treat each other and encourage one another in their spiritual gifts. Christians are commanded by God to work together because all believers are equally valuable to God. For this reason, we are told that God will stand with us.

2 Timothy 4: 17,....not withstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me....

When we feel like we have nothing left, no matter how bad it seems, God will never leave our side, he will see us through, and give unto us his strength. Sinful predicaments that we find ourselves in, often time, brings about worldly fear and failure, which will cause us to choose self-preservation over doing the right thing. We must rest assured that there is truth in the word of God, and this truth reminds us that there is one who will never leave us. Our ultimate confidence and assurance must always be in the one who stands with us, and that is Christ Jesus.

Acts 28: 7 – 10,....it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick....Paul entered in, and prayed....and healed him....when this was done, others also....came, and were healed....who also honored us....and when we departed, they laded us with such things as were necessary....

Through many works and wonders God will open up new opportunities for us to minister his saving grace to others. By accepting these opportunities, and following after the obedience of God, it will demonstrate to others that the God in which we serve, will not only protect us, but will also bring spiritual and physical restoration to others. Faithful Christians become more effective when they are facing the trials and tribulations that we go through in our life. Even though we are going through trials and tribulations, we are to be spiritually strong and courageous and continue to allow God to use us.

Prayer shows unto others where in our strength lies. We must not become so use to the work that God does through us that we forget to show others where in our strength and power comes from to do the things that we do. Good works cannot lead people to Christ, we must tell them where these good works come from. It is our obedience to God which will bring about his good works.

Matthew 6: 33,....seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you....

This verse has both materialistic and spiritual meaning. First of all, this verse speaks of God supplying our basic needs in life. It does not suggest that he will supply endless materialistic blessings as some will teach. God wants us to trust in him so that he may provide us with what we need, because he values our life greatly. This means pursuing the truth of God's word, trusting in his righteousness, and allowing him to take care of every need in our life. Only by sincerely putting God first can we pursue righteousness. Seeking God's kingdom and his righteousness means that we are living continually in the repentance that he has provided for us. The kingdom of God is the sovereignty of God. We seek his sovereignty so that we can be a part of all that he has to offer, so that we may share the truth of his gospel to others.

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

Helping others means telling others about the saving grace of Jesus Christ. The most giving thing that we can do is to put away worldly pride which comes with the risk of being despised and persecuted when telling others about the wrath of God that will come unless they put their faith and trust in Christ. This is the most loving thing that we can do for someone. Nothing in our life can help others more than sharing the gospel of the hope of eternal life with them, which comes through the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

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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