

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 God's word.

Our Service, Gods Works

Psalm 90: 17

God wants us to thrive in all aspects of our spiritual life, and he gave unto us the tools, the talents, and the gifts to do so. Often time, we forget that the word of God is a reminder that our works for the Lord are going to be difficult at times, this is just a part of our life in Christ, but the Lord is always there, standing by our side, and his word guides us by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and motivates us during even the toughest times that we face. So, we often ask ourselves why, do we at times find ourselves struggling in our God given purpose in life. If this is true, then we must strive harder to live our life, so that it does not exalt ourselves, but that it glorifies God. To do this we must come to understand what his will is for our life, and this comes through prayer and study in his word. We must learn to see ourselves as God sees us. To often, we can only see ourselves based upon our own self worth and accomplishments, or we see ourselves the way that others see us. This means that we are defining our value, based upon unrealistic standards, that we and others have set for ourselves. We must not give worldliness permission to evaluate us, and determine our self-worth, but let us be sure that our identity is found in Christ Jesus. In this, will we be sure that the service in which we are portraying are the works of God.

The scripture that we are starting with this morning comes from the book of Psalm.

Psalm 90: 17,....and let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish thou the works of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands establish thou it....

Anything that we do without the help of the Lord, amounts to nothing, which means it has no eternal value. We must pray for the Lord's blessing on any work that he has assigned unto us to do, then, by his power we can do even more than pray, but we cannot do anything eternally significant until we pray. Our goal, as those who are a part of the body of Christ, is not to labor in vain, but to desire that God would look upon us with compassion and lovingkindness. Our efforts are only worthwhile when we acknowledge God as a sovereign God, and recognize him as the one who gives unto all of humanity his mercy and grace. Only God can establish our works, only God can make our works meaningful and lasting, which means that it is necessary to have a right relationship with him in order for us to have a worthwhile, spiritually mature life.

1 Corinthians 12: 27,....now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular....

As Christians, we are both the body of Christ, and individual members of the body of Christ. As being individual members, but still a part of the whole, we must work together, according to the desired role that God has given unto us. This we do in order for the body of Christ to function properly as God sees fit. If we are willing to set aside all worldly discontent, then we will have the opportunity to strive together to become what God has intended for the church to be. Each believer has been indwelt with the Holy Spirit, and with this comes spiritual gifts and graces. Each believer is spiritually equipped to carry out the work that God has prepared to be done. Therefore, together with the rest of the body of Christ, each believer will grow in grace, and walk in the unity of the spirit of God.

1 Peter 4: 10 – 11,....as everyman hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another....if any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God, if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth, that God in all things may be glorified....

As Christians, we are to live our life in response to the knowledge of God's word, considering that the time of Christ return is at hand and that he could come at any given moment, which means that we should see everything that Christ has given unto us as an opportunity to fulfill the purpose that he has set forth for us to do. As believers, we are given spiritual gifts so that we might fulfill a spiritual function within the body of Christ, therefore, the indwelling of our spiritual gifts should result in an outpouring of Gods grace upon others.

Proverbs 16: 3,....commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established....

Submitting to God, and seeking after his will, means having success in the truth of God's word. Every believer is to commit their works unto the Lord. To often, we find ourselves trying to do the works that God has prepared for us to do, in our own strength, and not through the power of the Holy Spirit. God will not carry out his works through a heart that is disobedient, anxious, or full of worldly fear and Gods purpose cannot be anchored within us, if we are prideful or seeking after our own self-righteousness. God can only work through our new life in Christ, and it will all be done to the glory of the Father. We must commit our works, our plans, our desires, and all of our choices and decisions unto the Lord.

Psalms 37: 5,....commit thy way unto the Lord, trust always in him, and he shall bring it to pass....

What a great promise God has made unto those who have believed upon his Son, Christ. We commit, he brings it to pass. How do we commit? We commit by putting our faith in Christ and trusting in the crucifixion and resurrection, for the redemption of our sins, for justification, for sanctification, and for our eternal glorification. This simply means that we trust God to finish the good work that he has started in our life through his redemptive power and justification, and then we continue to trust that he will carry out his ongoing work in our life through sanctification and glorification. This all starts with believing that God means everything that he has promised unto us through his word. This means not only accepting the blessings of our salvation, but it also means accepting the judgements of the consequences of our sinful actions. If, as Christians, we would stop worrying about all of life's difficulties and hardships and truly delight ourselves in the presence of the Lord, and become obedient to his word, which means committing everything into his hands, then would we see the results of his continuous, perfect will in our lives.

2 Corinthians 8: 11,....now therefore perform the doing of it, that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have....

Philippians 1: 6,....being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ....

What is total commitment according to the mind of humanity, it would be that first mankind wants to see the commitment of others before they will commit to anything. If that is the case, then when it comes to our faith, works, and spiritual maturity, then we are lagging behind. God is committed and has always been committed unto us. Since the beginning of time and even before time as we know, God committed to mankind by establishing his eternal plan, which included the salvation of man by his divine saving grace. We have the promise of eternal life, because God, from the very beginning of time, before the creation of the world, committed everything unto us. Therefore, in our life as Christians our service to God should not be one of just wanting something to happen, but we should be willing to make something happen through the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Luke 22: 42,....nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done....

Christ gave unto us the greatest example of total commitment, and he done it all for us. Christ preformed the service; God performed the works. Now it is up to us to perform the service, and God is still providing the works.

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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