

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

1.15.2023

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.

Blessing of Intercession

Hebrews 4: 14 – 16, 5: 1 – 10

Christ care for his children will never be finished. Christ did not ascend into heaven after his completed work here on earth was done, which was to secure our salvation, just to take a break from his eternal role, on our behalf.

Hebrews 7: 25,....wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he even liveth to make intercession for them....

If, when Christ was humble, despised, and crucified, he had the power to accomplish such a great work in reconciling us to God, how much more, is he able to keep us, now that he is living, and raised to life, interceding on our behalf, before the throne of the Father. Christ, who is the advocate for all Christians, is always pleading our case to the Father. Christ intercedes for us; Satan is always accusing us. Therefore, since Christ work on the cross paid our sin debt, God sees us through the righteousness of his Son, Christ. Christ is the only human, that is, one born as a man, that can be a mediator between humanity and God. No other man has the power to intercede for us, it is Christ alone that can intercede for us.

1 Timothy 2: 5,....for there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ....

Christ is the only way that we can communicate with God; no other additional step is needed. This is because Christ became the sacrifice, to pay the price for all of mankind, those who would believe upon his name. He came in the likeness of mortal flesh, he lived a humble life, he died a horrific death, and he was hated by those whom he came to save. Humanity cannot be saved by any other, except Christ.

Acts 4: 12,....neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name among men, whereby we must be saved....

The world in general is separated from the one source that can give them meaning to life. Mankind seeks after salvation, but without the need to turn from sin. Mankind longs for eternal life, but refuses to acknowledge their sinfulness, and the need for the saving grace of Jesus Christ. It is up to us, as believers, to resist the world, and the lusts thereof, and to keep our eyes, and hearts fixed upon Christ. In doing so, our spiritual understanding, and our trust, will be in listening to his still small voice.

Hebrews 4: 14 – 16,....seeing then that we have a great high priest....Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession....touched with the feeling of our infirmities....was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin....let us....come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need....

Christ, the Son of God, who is our great high priest, is both human and godly. Christ, who was born into humanity, was essential so that he can identify with mankind. Christ deity was essential, and still is, so that he might accredit his righteousness for our forgiveness. Christ can identify with us, in our trials and tribulations, because in every way he was tempted, just as we are. Now, this does not mean that he experienced every single temptation that every person experiences, but it does mean that he faced every kind of temptation that humanity will ever face. We are encouraged, by the word of God, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to follow after Christ. It is Christ priestly work that opens the way, and gives unto us open access into the presence of God.

Ephesians 2: 18,....for through him we both have access by one spirit unto the Father....

By trusting in the death and resurrection of Christ, we have access by one spirit, to the Father, being confident, that we will receive mercy, and find grace to help in our time of need. As we reflect on what Christ has done for us, and as we observe what the Father has graciously given unto us in Christ, what a privilege it is to know that it is through Christ alone that we have access, by one spirit, unto God.

1 John 4: 4,....ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because greater is he that is in you, then he that is in the world....

Through the redemptive blood of Christ, our covering of sin can be replaced with a robe of righteousness. But there is more than salvation, we have all been given the gift, of the permanently indwelling Holy Spirit, who, through his wisdom and knowledge, gives unto us the understanding, that our spiritual victory has been secured, and the enemy of our soul has been defeated.

Hebrews 5: 1 – 4,....for every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God....who can have compassion on the ignorant....no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God....

Christ can identify with the weaknesses of the believer because he to, had to overcome trials, tribulations, and temptations in his life. Even though Christ identified with these adversities, he did so, and did not sin. This is because, even though Christ was born into humanity, he was not appointed by that humanity. Only God can call people into his service. No man can randomly decide to become a high priest, or in this case, servants of God, nor can high priests, or servants of God, be chosen by election or appointment. A high priest, or servant of God, must be called by God, first to salvation, and then into the service that he has predestined for each individual. Christ did not appropriate to himself his position of high priest, or servant of God, neither did he glorify himself, but he waited for his appointment by the Father.

Isaiah 40: 31,....they that wait upon the Lord....

As believers, we understand that Gods word is true, his judgements are just, and his promises are secure. Yes, there will be difficulties in life that will overwhelm us, and yes, at times we will stumble and fall because we rely on our own strength. But God is faithful, and just, and if we ask in faith believing, he will show unto us that his power from above is sufficient to sustain us. When we truly identify with Christ, and trust in his word, through patient waiting, it is then that Gods strength is made perfect in our weaknesses.

Hebrews 5: 5 – 10,....Christ glorified not himself....though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered....being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation....

As becoming a servant of God, we are established, not after the order of others, but we are established after the grace and mercy of Christ, therefore, we are one of a kind. Like Christ, who offered up a prayer to God, the one who was able to save him from the service that he must perform, we also offer up prayers of salvation unto God. Christ prayer to God for his saving grace was answered through the resurrection. Our prayer of salvation is answered when we are resurrected by the saving grace of Jesus Christ, resurrected out of the darkness of sin, into the light of Christ. By suffering, Christ was able to learn through human experiences what it meant to be obedient to God, and it was at this point that he became the source of eternal salvation for all will obey him through obedience to his word.

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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