

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.

Do Not Be Weary in Well Doing

Galatians 6: 9

If, as Christians, we do not believe in what we are doing, then the work will be hard, and we will grow tired of doing it. Is it possible then, to have feelings of being overwhelmed, with the responsibilities, that come in our Christian life? Yes, it is, because even though the spirit is willing, the flesh is weak. We all know what it means to seek after the goodness of God, and not to follow after the works of the flesh, but, because of our weaknesses, we are easily deceived, and therein lies the tendency in our life, to give up in trusting that God will give unto us the strength to overcome. For this reason, we are taught, through our obedience to Gods word, to yield to the spirit. As we yield to the spirit, and exhibit the fruits thereof, then will our ability, to do the good works of Gods will, in our life, become inevitable. When we begin to become overwhelmed, discouraged, or depressed, let us remember, that whatever the direction that God has us moving in our life, we are still working for the Lord. Therefore, let us continue to turn to God, because it is the Lord Jesus Christ, whom we are serving.

Isaiah 41: 10,....fear thou not, for I am with thee, be not dismayed, for I am thy God, I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness....

Faith in the promises of God is what he desires of us.

Hebrews 11: 6,....without faith it is impossible to please him....

Only believers can please God, but not always do believers please God. We please God initially when we are justified, and then, through his righteousness, we continue to please him through the ongoing process of sanctification. Sadly, too often, there are those who started their Christian life by faith, but then stopped relying on the truth of God's word. Doubting God's word, means carelessness in serving the Lord, which will result in trying to please God through good deeds and worldly works, but for those who diligently seek God, they will grow in grace, and mature in his faith.

Galatians 6: 9,....and let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not....

We will start out by saying that if we trust in the flesh, it will only lead to our destruction. This is why, we are encouraged, by the word of God, which is brought to all of humanity in some form or fashion, brought through the convicting power of the Holy Spirit, that if mankind would trust in the simple gospel of grace, and that simple gospel is to come to Christ, and believe upon his name, then are we saved, by his grace alone, and not by our own works.

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

Now, this brings us up to let us not grow weary in well doing. We could not get to this point in our life, without first accepting salvation, and now that we are saved by the grace of God, what is next?

Matthew 16: 24 – 25,....Jesus said unto his disciples, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me....for whosoever will save his life shall lose it, and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it....

Now, we have accepted the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and to do so, we had to deny ourselves, deny the old, sinful, selfish nature, and trust in God. In doing so, we became obedient to Gods word, and at that moment, we took up our cross, and now it is time to follow Christ. It is at this moment in time, that we must understand, that salvation was at no cost to us, we were saved at Christs expense. If we, as believers, cannot come to this realization in our life, and we allow Satan to deceive us into believing that we gave up something of value in order to be saved, then we will never follow Christ, because we will go back to searching for that which we thought we lost, or gave up. Living our Christian life as unto the Lord, requires patient endurance on our part everyday if we are to reach the goal of our calling, and that is to be conformed into the image of Christ. This takes effort, it takes courage, it takes trust, it takes continued obedience in Gods word.

Philippians 3: 13 – 14,....I count not myself to have apprehended, but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those that are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus....

As believers, we will never move ahead in our life in Christ, if our thoughts are focused on the past. Our ultimate goal, for ourselves, and that of others, is to focus on being eternally with Christ, and not to worry about living our life, here on earth. Our spiritual preparedness is not to look back on the past, but to focus on the service that lies ahead. Every believer has their own unique goal to attain, which is purposed, and planned by God, predestined before time, and it is an intrigant part of the entirety of the body of Christ. A life that is filled with continually seeking to live godly lives, acknowledges that it is no longer I who lives, but it is Christ who lives in me.

When we become so closely attached to Christ, that we begin to allow him to live within us, and through us, it is then that his motivation becomes our motivation, which comes through his love for us. We are now identified with all that he is, and all that he has done. Therefore, death, or separation from God, no longer has power over us, nor does sin have a hold on us. Yes, we still live in a mortal, fallen body, and our sinful nature still lusts against our new life in Christ, but we are no longer a slave to sin, because we live by our faith in Christ.

Romans 6: 6,....knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin....

Before accepting the saving grace of Jesus Christ, sin was the entity that controlled us. Now, that it has been removed, it is not in charge of us any longer, we have been freed from its power and its authority in our lives. This does not mean that we will not do sinful things any longer, because the want to sin still remains in us. This does mean that even though Christ has rescued us from the sinfulness that owned us, we can still, through worldly deception, volunteer to sin. How do we overcome this temptation?

Ephesians 4: 15 – 16,....speaking then the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things....from who the whole body fitly joined together....according to the effectual working....of every part....maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love....

Each of us, who is an individual part of the body of Christ, must work according to Gods desire and purpose, in the way in which he has intended for us, which means that we must work together in order for the church to function properly. It is the spiritual health of the church, rather than the size, that defines the success of whether or not, the task of glorifying God is accomplished. A church known for speaking the truth of the word of God, in the love of God, will be a church that is not weary in well doing, but in due season, shall heap rewards of eternal value, and shall faint not.

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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