

# *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.

Necessities of the Believers Life

## 1 Corinthians 15: 3 – 4

As believers, do we know who we are in Christ. Living a life in Christ is so much more than what we do. Our misunderstandings of the Spirit's work, regarding who he is, and how he works in our life, keeps us from maturing in our life in Christ. We must come to understand, that the Spirit's work is essential to the functioning of our Christian life, and it is his characteristics and attributes, that are essential to how we understand God's nature, because they are one in the same.

So, what are the most important things in our life. As Christians, we learn the answer to this question through prayer and through the study of the scriptures. If we will allow it, each time that we open the word of God, the Holy Spirit will guide us, helping us to understand, the meaning of God's purpose and plan for our life. God wants what is best for each of us, and he is willing, and waiting to help us to make wise decisions. Our life in Christ is greater than we know, and that is because through his Son, Christ, God the Father, by the work of the indwelling Holy Spirit, makes the difference in how that we handle our problems, our challenges, our struggles, our temptations, and the decisions that we make. We not only need God, but we need to trust God. There is nothing more important than our relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

This morning we are going to look at seven necessities that we need in our life as believers, and it all starts with our faith believing in Christ.

**1 Corinthians 15: 3 – 4,....**For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures....

Our spiritual life simply is this, it is a life lived in God, and with God. More specifically, our spiritual life begins when we are born again. Once this change takes place, we now begin to learn that which is required of us to sustain our spiritual life, which comes unto us, according to the scriptures.

So, the first necessity we want pursue, is that of seeking after the will of God.

**Amos 5: 4,....**thus saith the Lord....seek ye me, and ye shall live....

It is very important for us to see our true standing in God, and one of the requirements is to seek the Lord, but we need to seek the Lord properly. Seeking the Lord properly starts with the second necessity, and that is to fear the Lord.

**Proverbs 19: 23,....**the fear of the Lord tendeth to life, and he that hath it shall abide satisfied....

As Christians, we do not live trouble free lives, but God gives unto us hope in the midst of our suffering. In return, we offer up a reverent, humble respect, to acknowledge who and what God is. In doing so, this brings us into the third necessity in our life in Christ, and that is to perceive the love of God.

**1 John 3: 16,....**hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us....

Christ gave unto us the supreme example of love by giving his own life on behalf of all humanity, for the payment of our sins. Our love for God is expressed through his desire for us to, both know his word, and live it out through our love for his Son, Christ.

The fourth necessity in the believer's life is our complete trust and belief in God.

**1 Timothy 1: 16,....**howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting....

Our desire to believe, reassures us of our salvation, and keeps us reassured that there is nothing that can keep us from continuing on in our salvation eternally. Everlasting life is based upon our belief in Christ.

The fifth necessity is our obedience to God and his word.

**Exodus 19: 5,....**now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then thou shalt be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people, for all the earth is mine....

Obedience to God helps us to draw closer unto him and is an important part of our growing relationship with him. Obedience also leads to personal growth. Every commandment that God asks of us is not just for his sake, but also for our sake. God knows what is best for us, and he knows how to help us to become stronger followers of Christ.

The sixth necessity is to serve God with our whole heart.

**1 Samuel 12: 24,....**only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart, for consider how great things he hath done for you....

Following after the wisdom and knowledge of Gods word not only strengthens our faith in him, but it will dismiss all worldly fear, so that we might have the ability to experience the fullness of Gods grace and mercy. No matter where we are in our Christian life, it is never too late to trust in the Lord, and to serve him with the truthfulness of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

The last necessity we want to touch upon is our desire to glorify God.

**Revelation 4: 11,....**thou art worthy, O lord, to receive glory and honour and power, for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created....

Just as God the Father was focused on his authority and power in the Son, so is the Sons focus upon his authority and power in the life of the believers. The power given unto us with the authority of Christ is given so that we might exercise that authority as we live in this world. It is God in Christ who accomplishes the creativeness to sustain us now and forever. Christ who was from the beginning, spoke all things into existence, therefore, everything belongs to him, and for this reason he continually sustains all things, so that we might confirm God as the one true God, and glorify him through our obedience and service, recognizing him as the sovereign God who gave unto us eternal life through his Son.

**Psalm 46: 10,....**be still and know that I am God, I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth....

We can only love and trust someone as much as we know them. This is especially true in our relationship with God. The more we know about God, the more we will love and obey God. Only through wisdom, and knowledge of his word can we grow spiritually, and come to a better understanding of who God truly is. The necessity of the believer is the need to know who created us, and why we are here upon this earth. Understanding our life in Christ will help us to appreciate who we are in Christ, which will encourage us to live an eternal life in Christ for ourselves, and also for others in this sinful world.

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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