

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

4.2.2023

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 that he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

Crucified For Sinners

Matthew 27: 38 – 54

In some way, shape, or form, Christ takes the time to come to us, and to open up a pathway unto salvation for us. God prepares the heart, and does so because he is able to discern the motives of all humanity. Unlike humanity, God never loses sight of his purpose and plan for mankind, and that purpose and plan is the saving grace of his Son, Jesus Christ. Salvation refers to Gods plan of rescuing perishing souls from his eternal wrath and judgement, which all of mankind deserves, due to his sinful disobedience. Let us remember the fact that Christ did not come to this earth just to make salvation possible, but rather to make salvation actual for all of those who will believe. We live in, and will continue to live in a time when hearing the truth of Gods word is becoming harder and harder to hear. For this reason, as Christians, we often time will get the feeling of being the only ones who are speaking the truth of the word of God. Let us remember that Elijah found himself in that same situation.

1 Kings 19: 10,....he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord....and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away....

Sometimes, preaching and teaching the truth of the gospel of the saving grace of Jesus Christ may seem like a failing undertaking, but rest assured Gods word will always stand firm.

Isaiah 55: 11,....so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth, it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it....

1 Timothy 1: 15,....this is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners....

This faithful saying, which is a trustworthy and dependable doctrine, which we can build our life upon, is a saying given unto us by God himself, a saying that will stand the test of time. This glorious gospel of God, which we accept by faith believing, is of great importance for our eternal destiny. This indeed is a statement that can be trusted, and is deserving of complete acceptance.

Matthew 27: 38 – 44,....then were two thieves crucified with him....they that passed by reviled him....saying, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself....if thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross....likewise also....mocking him....said....he saved others, himself he cannot save....let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him....he trusted in God, let him deliver him now....for he said, I am the Son of God....

Christ purpose here on earth was to complete the Fathers plan of bringing salvation to all of humanity. Sadly, humanity did not recognize, nor did they respond to Gods love for us. Often time the meaning of Gods word can become distorted, which diminishes its true significance. Also, for the believer, we can allow Gods word to become so familiar that we do not continue to meditate on the depth, of the spiritual understanding, that he has in store for us through the study of his word.

Christ , who died a sacrificial death on the cross, done so to pay the price for our sin debt, and was resurrected so to break the power of sin in our lives. It was God the Father who resolved, that the only way mankind's death sentence could be changed, was if a perfect, sinless man was willing to pay the ultimate price for sin, and to take the punishment that we deserved. Out of his love, God gave his only Son, to a world that was condemned to his divine judgement. For this reason, there is no need for any one member of humanity to perish.

Philippians 2: 8,....being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross....

Christ was born for a specific purpose, and that reason was to become a representative for all mankind, for the salvation of the whole human race. Christ came willingly to pay the price for the sins of the world, and it is up to us to choose to follow his perfect example, and to humble ourselves unto God, so that we might say as Christ said, your will be done.

Matthew 27: 45 – 50,....from the sixth hour there was darkness....until the ninth hour....about the ninth hour Jesus cried....my God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me....some....said, this man calleth for Elias....the rest said....let us see whether Elias will come to save him....Jesus....yielded up the ghost....

Christ suffered on the cross as he bore the sins of the world. Due to Christ taking the sins of the world upon himself, he experienced separation from his heavenly Father for the first and only time in all of eternity. In this brief time period, the wrath of the Father was poured out on the sinless Son, who, in his grace and mercy for mankind, became sin, for all of those who would believe upon his name.

It is possible that Christ was quoting from Psalm 22, when David was experiencing times of great danger, and although he knew God, and he trusted in him, he cried out to God when he was going through times of great agony in his own life. David, who was a type of Christ, though he was describing his own condition, he was also being led by the spirit to prophesy beyond himself, concerning the messiah, who chose these words to describe his own agony on the cross.

Psalm 22: 1 – 8,....my God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me, why are thou so far from helping me....O my God, I cry....but thou heardest not....he trusted on the Lord, that would deliver him, let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him....

The event that caused David to write these inspiring words was a circumstance created by God, so that we might be able to remember the event that it foreshadowed, which was the crucifixion of Christ. Therefore, the debt that we owe to Christ our savior should be a never ending grateful love, because we know that he was made sin on our account, so that we could receive the righteousness of God through him. It was for our sake that he was forsaken and crucified.

Matthew 27: 51 – 54,....behold the vail of the temple was rent in twain....and the graves were opened, and many bodies of the saints....arose....and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many....now when the centurion, and they that were with him....saw....those things that were done, they feared....saying, truly this was the Son of God....

By his death, Christ opened unto us a direct access unto God. As Christians, we can now enter boldly into the presence of God....

Hebrews 10: 19 – 20,....having therefore....boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Christ....by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the vail....

Many believers were resurrected after the resurrection of Christ and were seen by many people who could identify them, which was for an example, to the proof of the resurrection of Christ. There testimony proved that the resurrection was the work of God. This event shows unto us the power of the resurrection of Christ, which points us to the second coming of Christ, and proves that Christ died, and conquered death through his resurrection, and all of those who will believe, will also be resurrected into the life of Christ, who's bodies will be resurrected and changed.

1 Corinthians 15: 51 – 54,....we shall all be changed....this corruptible must put on incorruption, this mortal must put on immortality....then shall be brought to pass the saying....death is swallowed up in victory....

Christ was crucified for sinners, and his death guarantees the believer access to God, and a future resurrection unto eternal life.

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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