

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

3.19.2023

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.

Doing The Fathers Work

John 5: 19 – 29

For the believer, doing the work of the Father, means recognizing our dependence upon Christ, the Son. Dependence upon Christ assures us of his guidance in our life, which comes through the presence of the indwelling Holy Spirit. If we are following Christ, then we will truly want his leadership in our life. Our relationship with God is meant to be one of unceasing, absolute, dependency upon him. Christ, displayed this example to us as he walked upon this earth, and then called for us to follow in his footsteps, and put our trust in God alone. Now, there will be many times when God will place us into a situation where our trust in him is tested, but it is at these times in our lives, that if we will choose to allow his power to work in our life, then these situations will make us stronger in the Lord. Our trust in God must never rely upon our own self-righteousness. Whatever circumstance that we might find ourselves in, remember, God remains faithful, and he is unchanging. As Christians, our ability to give ourselves fully to the work of the Lord can only come from God working within us. It is his spirit, the Holy Spirit, that motivates us, and empowers us to every good work, which he has instilled within us, through his purpose and his plan for our life.

Philippians 2: 12 – 13,....my beloved, as ye have always obeyed....work out your salvation with fear and trembling....for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do his good pleasure....

God created mankind to join him in his eternal work, and it is the truth of the promises of his word that encourages us to work as willing, dependable servants, who are faithful, reliable, dedicated, loyal workers, committed fully unto Christ. As we spiritually mature in Christ, we will express unto others, who we have become in him, which comes through our work in him. It is through our work in God that we learn to trust in him as he challenges us with opportunities to display the fruits of his spirit.

It is very important that we do not seek to do Gods work in our own strength, because no one can do good works apart from God. As believers, we must learn to do the good works of God in a manner that is well pleasing unto him. It is only by submitting our whole life, which means our thoughts, our words, and our deeds, to the leadership of the Holy Spirit, so that we might do the Fathers work.

John 5: 19 – 23,....then answered Jesus and said unto them....the Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do....the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things....for as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them, even so the Son quickeneth whom he will....the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgement unto the Son....that all men should honor the Father....he that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father....

Just as when Christ was confronted about his work on earth, when we are confronted concerning our work in the Lord, our answer should be one in the same, and that is that we are simply doing the work that the Father has given unto us to do. Being Christlike means that we will always be challenged at the heart of what we believe in, therefore, our belief, should only be in those things which God has for us to accomplish in our life which is salvation for all of humanity. This is Gods perfect plan, which he ordained, before the foundation of the world. As Christians, confrontation in our life is not normally for the sake of Christianity, but for the things in which we have done that is contrary to the word of God. But for those who just pretend to be Christlike, they would like for the world to believe that their trials and tribulations are do to their mighty work in the Lord, rather than a reaction that is controlled by their sinful nature. For this reason, Christ wants to prepare us for the struggles in which we are about to endure. This is all apart of Christ knowledge and understanding, which gives the believer the confidence to hold fast to their faith in God.

Hebrews 6: 10,....for God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister....

The word of God is written to enable the Christians to mature in their faith, and it instructs us how to walk in spirit and in truth, and it teaches us how to stand firm in that same spirit, and live for God. This means that there are times, when we need instruction that leads to correction. Remember, the Lord is aware of the thoughts that we have, the words that we speak, and the actions that we carry out. Nothing in our lives will go unnoticed, nor will it go unrewarded.

2 Corinthians 5: 10,....for we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad....

The judgement and wrath that we receive, and will continue to receive, is not for our sins, because our sins were judged on the cross, where Christ endured and suffered punishment in our place. Therefore, we will be judged on how that we live our lives here on earth. Works of righteousness will be rewarded, whereas works of unrighteousness will suffer the loss of those rewards. Even though as Christians we rejoice over our citizenship that is in heaven, God still expects his servants to live godly lives through his Son, Christ, so that the deeds in which we carry out doing the work of the Lord will glorify our Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 5: 16,....let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glory your Father which is in heaven....

John 5: 24 – 29,....he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life....the hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear....and they that hear shall live....the Father hath life in himself, so hat he given to the Son to have life in himself....hath given him authority to execute judgement also....marvel not at this....all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth, they that hath done good, unto the resurrection of life, and they that hath done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation....

The truth of the word of God states that anyone who hears his word and believes will be guaranteed eternal life. This means that we have passed from death unto life, and we will remain there. We have become spiritually alive, we have left the realm of death, and we have entered into the realm of life, and the life which we have received comes from our heavenly Father. Therefore, not only does Christ possess life in himself, but he has the power to give life unto others. Everyone is going to face God at some time, and at that time all will understand that goodness and good works will not earn our way into heaven. Therefore, we must take seriously the decisions that we make regarding who Christ is, and what his plan and purpose is for our life.

1 Corinthians 15: 58,....therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord....

As Christians, we have absolute certainty of our resurrection from the dead, when we shall be clothed with a new body, like unto Christ glorious body. Sadly, there are Christians who are skeptical of this kind of teaching. There is only one way to overcome doubt and fear, and that is through the truth of God's word. We were born into this world in a physical body, and we will leave this world in preparation for a new, perfect, heavenly body. Because of Gods free gift of grace, we should be delighted to do Gods will so that our work for God will not be ineffective. We must never doubt Gods word, because it is Gods word that encourages us to fulfill the good works that God has given unto us to do.

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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