

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

Preservation through Christ and the Word of God

## Psalm 119: 92 – 97

The Lord hath preserved his word within the heart of the believer so that every generation might have the opportunity to read it, to hear it, and to apply it to their lives, and to the lives of others. God's word is kept by those who love it and are obedient to it. This is God's way of preserving those things for that he has in store for his purpose and plan for mankind. Every subject, every issue, and every controversy must be looked at from God's holy perspective, and his perspective is found in his word. God has laid out in his word every guideline that we will ever need to live a life wholly devoted unto him. Now I am going to give unto you three reasons why humanity cannot find perspective in God's word, and they are: mankind is not really interested in looking for the perspective of God, mankind tends to look in the all the wrong places for the perspective of God, and mankind knows that he would be great with unrest in God if he did find God's perspective for his life. So, how important is it to preserve the word of God? We live in an age which is dominated by worldly theory and prideful thoughts which makes it hard to know what is actually true. Therefore, it is very important in today's religiously indifferent compromising environment to get a clear definition of the doctrine of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. The bible, which is the word of God that we possess, is that which God has intended for us to have, and these inspired words of God are preserved specifically for all of humanity.

**Psalm 119: 92 – 97,....**unless thy law had been my delights, I should have then perished in mine afflictions....I will never forget thy precepts, for with them thou hast quickened me....I am thine, save me, for I have sought thy precepts....the wicked have waited for me to destroy me, but I will consider thy testimonies....I have seen an end of all perfection, but thy commandment is exceeding broad....O how I love thy law, it is meditation all the day....

God has provided us with his word to teach us, and to give unto us daily guidance that will direct our actions toward those things that are right and pleasing in his site, this he has done, so that we might have a foundation to build our lives upon. This comes about when we make a commitment to read, study, and meditate upon Gods word. God's intention is that we as Christians might grow in spiritual maturity. God's word reflects the very character of God himself, because Gods word is in essence the character of his only begotten Son. The scriptures, which we have, are a reflection of Gods nature, and from them we learn to trust in his character and in his purpose and plan for all of humanity. Therefore, the word of God is sufficient to make us wise and to equip us for every good work.

So this morning we are going to look at several scriptures that show unto us as Christians our preservation through Christ and the word of God.

**Deuteronomy 4: 2,....**ye shall not add unto the word....neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandment....which I command you....

Just as mankind has been instructed from the beginning, we are to remember the works of God and to carefully obey his word. Sadly, the fallen nature of man is such that humanity tries to improve on God's word, as if his perfect word needs to be improved upon.

**Mark 7: 13,....**making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered, and many such like things ye do....

Petty, manmade traditions expose the fact that humanity thinks that they are honoring God, when in fact it they are all talk and no godly action.

**Matthew 15: 8,**....the people draweth nigh unto me with their lips, but their heart is far from me....

Tradition does not give mankind an exemption from obeying the truth of the word of God. Going through the motions of some kind of religion and saying the right things at the right time does not show true commitment to God.

**2 Timothy 3: 16,**....all scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works....

God sets his word apart as holy, therefore, we must obey his word, and we must learn to let it dwell in us richly, so that we might lead an abundant life in godliness, and accurately reflect the goodness of the character of God to a world that so desperately needs him.

**Psalms 119: 89,**....forever O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven....

God's word is eternal, it has been from eternity past to eternity future, it is everlasting and unchanging.

**Matthew 24: 35,**....heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away....

Trusting in God and his word is wiser than trusting in the world because this world will not last forever. As believers, we are assured by his word, that our salvation in Christ is secure. Knowing that this world will not last, should give us godly perspective in our life.

**2 Peter 3: 14,**....wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless....

As Christians, we should have an increasing urgency to warn the body of Christ of the awareness that is needed to combat false teachings and religions. We must also have the urgency to warn humanity, which are those who have not yet believed in Christ, of the pending consequences of dying in their sinful state. Understanding the importance of living spiritually alert gives unto us the incentive to live a holy and blameless life that abides in Christ.

**Psalm 12: 6 – 7,....**the words of the Lord are pure words....thou shalt keep them, O lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever....

Twisting the truth of God's word is well known in this day and age. Deceptive words, slanderous suggestions, and straight out lies are used to try and divide the body of Christ. Even though, as Christians, we pray for God to save us from the ways of the world, he does not always remove these wickedness so that he may use them as a demonstration of his grace and his mercy toward mankind, because the lord desires that all men will repent and be saved.

**Matthew 5: 18,....**verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle ( the smallest of detail which is written down in God's word ) shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled....

When Christ died on the cross, he fulfilled the law on our behalf, but there are many more aspects of the law that is yet to be fulfilled. As believers, we are not under the law but under grace, because Christ did fulfill the law on our behalf. We have been removed from the law of sin and death through our faith in Christ, and we are now under the law of the spirit of our life in Christ. Therefore, it is not I that lives, but Christ that lives in me.

**2 Peter 1: 21,....**for the prophecy came not....by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost....

The scriptures are the words of God concerning the actions of God, and God will always accomplish what he sets out to do. All scripture points to a messiah, one who will save the world from their sins, and then return as a judge and a king. The spirit inspired word of God was given, so that man could be saved by grace through faith in Christ. God chooses all mankind, and he embraces each one's individuality so that we shine forth through his inspired word. This is our preservation which comes through Christ and the word of God.

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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