

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

4.16.2023

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.

Proofs of the Resurrection

Luke 24: 36 – 53

The resurrection of Christ declares and proclaims his redemptive work on the cross, which was on behalf of all, who will by faith believing, trust in him as Lord and Savior of their lives. Without the resurrection our faith is to no purpose.

1 Corinthians 15: 19,....if in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable....

As believers, we must not allow the spiritual facts concerning our faith in the crucifixion of Christ, his burial, and his resurrection, to become distorted, so that we begin to deny the truth that it ever happened. There are many reasons that this might happen in the life of a Christian, but what it all comes down to is spiritual maturity. Spiritual immaturity will cause the believer to allow worldly philosophy to portray false doctrines, and in return these false doctrines will cause confusion to enter into the crystal-clear message of Gods saving grace.

Humanity as a whole has always acknowledged that there is some form of life after death but will still deny the power of the resurrection. For this reason, as believers, we need to come to understand just what resurrection means. Now even though we have faith, not always does our faith abound, therefore, we require proof, some kind of evidence that the things which are not seen are real.

Luke 22: 32,....but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not, and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren....

The word of God teaches us that as believers we will one day receive a body like unto Christ glorious body, uncorrupted by sin, an immortal body, made possible through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Believing upon the crucifixion and the resurrection is the foundation of our faith, therefore, we must study the truth of Gods word and discover the greatness of his resurrection.

Luke 24: 36 – 43,....as they....spake, Jesus....stood in the midst....and saith unto them....peace be unto you....they were terrified....supposed they had seen a spirit....he said unto them, why are ye troubled? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is my self, handle me and see....and while they yet believed not for joy....he said....have ye any meat....and he took it, and did eat before them....

Worldly reasoning will bring about our inability or unwillingness to understand Christ crucifixion and resurrection. Had we actually listened to the things that God speaks to us through his word, then we would not to be surprised when they come to pass. Often time, Christ appears unto us, but we do not understand. Our lack of faith will cause us to doubt, and the uncertainty of doubt confuses our mind in such a way that we cannot fulfill Gods purpose and plan in our life. We must learn to seek Christ where he can be found, and he can be found through his word. It is the Holy Spirit that must open our minds to the understanding of Gods word. Without God, we cannot overcome our limited understanding, but with God we can hold securely to the truth of his purpose in our life.

Nothing in our life as a Christian happens without a purpose from God, therefore every circumstance is used by God for spiritual growth. God has commanded us as believers to mature in our faith, and to grow in grace, and as we do, then we will see every circumstance as an opportunity to develop our trust in him. As Christians, we believe that Christ is the one who has saved us from our sins, but we have yet to understand that he is the one that holds all things together by his almighty power unto everlasting life. This means that even though we stand before God, we have yet to realize the completeness of his redemptive work, which he accomplished on the cross. As we learn to trust in Gods word, it is he alone that can and will develop our faith, which will strengthen our dependence upon his Son, Jesus Christ.

Luke 24: 44 – 48,....he said unto them....the words which I spake....must be fulfilled....then opened he there understanding, that they might understand the scriptures....that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations....and ye are witnesses of these things....

When we read the word of God, what is it that we expect? Everything in the scriptures foreshadows Christ and accepting his saving grace. It is one thing to hear and to read the scriptures, it is quite another to understand them. Therefore, Christ, through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, will open up our minds, so that we might understand, and become obedient to his eternal purpose. Gods word will open up the truths to which our minds have been previously blinded. If those who believe barely understand, then those who do not believe have no understanding at all. Because they are spiritually discerned. It is the Holy Spirit, which was given, that opens up the scripture to all those who will believe.

John 16: 13,....howbeit when he, the spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth....

Gods' wisdom and grace, though it is recognized by all, it is not acknowledged by all, this is because there is so much more that we need to learn from him. Many of the truths of God's word have yet to be revealed. These mysteries that are connected with the word of God were planned before the foundation of the world and have been hidden from the ages and generations. Our job is to listen to what the spirit of God has to say, and then to become submissive to the glorious gospel of Christ so that we might be identified with Godly wisdom and discernment in every aspect of our lives.

Luke 24: 49 – 53,....behold I send the promise of my Father upon you....tarry yeit came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven....they worshipped him....and were continually....praising and blessing God....

The promises of God will come to all those who obediently wait for it. Often time, we will make claims on the promises that we do not have the right to make, but God has an unchangeable plan, and he will work out all things after the counsel of his own will. Everything that God tells us through his word will happen at his appointed time.

Ephesians 1: 11,....in whom we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of him, who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will....

It is Gods purpose that mankind would trust in Christ as their savior and Lord. Therefore, we must seek to live by the spirit of God, and become faithful witnesses, so that we might live by an example to others and preach repentance and remission of sins to all nations.

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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