

# *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.

Hope Through Patience

## Romans 15: 1 – 6

When we allow God to transform us into the likeness of his Son and change our time of waiting into a time of hope and patience, it is then that we will discover that God can change our adversities into opportunities. So, what is our hope? Most of humanity put their hope in what is here and now, and yes, life on this earth is something great that we should treasure, because it is given unto us by God, but it is not our greatest treasure. Our greatest treasure is our hope of eternal life in Christ Jesus; therefore, our hope is in the Lord.

**Lamentations 3: 24 – 26,....**the Lord is my portion, saith my soul, therefore will I hope in him....the Lord is God unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him....it is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord....

Our hope comes from the Lord, but it comes through patience. So why do we not have patience, because time is the factor; we do not have patience because we do not have time. Therefore, God must remind us that he alone controls the hours on the clock of our life. Humanity, and the worldliness of mankind, only has a bearing on our life when we allow the old nature to control our lives.

**Romans 8: 24 – 25,....**for we are saved by hope, but hope that is seen, is not hope, for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

For those who are born again, it was by faith believing that we put our hope in Christ Jesus, and that which he has done for us on the cross and by the resurrection. This has given unto us our hope of eternal life, which we through patience of that hope, earnestly wait. But, and there is always an instance in our current state of living, that even though it is our longing for our eternal state of being, there is always an instance where the things that God has placed our hope in, turns into a state of mind, that now I just hope that this or that will happen instead of putting my hope in the Lord of my salvation. So, what brings about this change from my hope in the Lord, to now I just hope that the Lord will take care of me. This change comes from a lack of patiently waiting upon the Lord. This is because we are suffering through the realities of life, which often time brings about the consequences of sin. Now, we might not always feel the longing, and we might not always wait patiently, but if we trust in God, then our hope is sure, and he will bring all things in our life to pass at just the right moment, but it just may be that his time has not yet arrived.

**Galatians 6: 9,....**let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not....

The simplest way that anyone can put their life in Christ into perspective is to acknowledge that we are saved by Gods grace alone, not by works, and once that we have believe and we are born again, then we are to take up our cross daily and follow Christ, which is Gods desire for all of mankind.

**Luke 9: 23,....**and he said to them all, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me....

**1 Timothy 2: 3 - 4,....**for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our savior, who will have all men to ne saved, and to come to the knowledge of truth....

Salvation has no cost, we were saved at Christ expense, and just as we chose by faith believing to accept the promise of becoming born again, we must also choose to grow in faith, and mature spiritually in our life in Christ, so that we may fulfill Gods purpose and plan, by living our lives unto the Lord.

Living our life in Christ requires patient endurance, which comes by the spirit of God, and in doing so we are expressing our eternal hope through our spiritual patience.

**Psalm 27: 14**,....wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart, wait, I say, on the lord....

Patient endurance, while waiting upon the Lord, encourages and strengthens our faith in God. Now, waiting upon the Lord means submission through obedience in him so that he might fulfill within us his promises, which he has expressed unto us through his word. Christ has always, and will always continue to work on our behalf, but in order for us to see the results of his work, we must take him at his word, and patiently wait on him, trusting in him, without questioning whether or not he will enable us to endure. Patiently waiting upon the Lord means earnestly striving through prayer, and through meditating on his word, as we listen for an answer from God.

**Isaiah 55: 1 – 3**,....ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters....hearken diligently unto me, and eat that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness....incline your ear, and come unto me, hear, and your soul shall live....

Having patience means having the desire to follow after the hope of our salvation, which God has instilled within us through the indwelling Holy Spirit.

**Matthew 13: 15**,....lest at anytime they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them....

God gives grace abundantly to those who are thirsty for the truth of the gospel of Christ, but for those who look for their satisfaction in the world, they have no thirst for the truth, because instead of allowing circumstances in our life to consume us with worldliness, we must learn to allow these actions to drive us to Christ, and to seek our satisfaction in him alone. We do not know how to find our own way but through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, Christ will show unto us what to do, and he will also enable us to do it.

**1 Timothy 6: 12**,....lay hold on eternal life....

Through our salvation, God has entrusted us with the responsibility of encouraging others not only to find Christ, but also to challenge those within the body of Christ to maintain a faith that will not falter or fail.

**Isaiah 6: 8,....**I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, here I am, send me....

Like Isaiah, the hope that is instilled within us through our salvation should give unto us such a heavenly vision of Gods grace, so as to humble ourselves in a way that compels us in our heart to have the willingness to do all that God has in store for us in our life.

**Revelation 22: 1 – 4,....**he showed me a pure river of life, clear as crystal, preceding out of the throne of God and of the lamb....there was the tree of life....the throne of God and of the lamb shall be in it, and his servants shall serve him....

Our hope is our heavenly desire, our desire for holiness, our desire for Christ to return so that we might have eternal fellowship with him, and our desire to live in the glory of Gods kingdom. It is our eternal hope that calls for us as believers, to live godly, obedient lives, while patiently waiting on Christ return for his church.

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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