

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Adult Sunday School Lesson

9.24.2023

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. Below please find my sharable thoughts, so please allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word to share.

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## Judges 3: 15 – 25, 29 - 30

As Christians, in order to fulfill God's plan and purpose within the body of Christ, we must have faith that produces confidence, and we must have preparation in our life in Christ. In order to have confidence with preparation, we must, by faith, believe that God is the one true God. This is what it took for us to accept the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and this is what it will take for us to continue to live within our salvation in our life in Christ here upon this earth. We must always believe that God can do unbelievable things in spite of the circumstances that we are faced with in our life. Confidence in God means relying upon him, which means we have faith, and we believe in God's ability to deliver us through every situation. When we put our trust in God, we will not be disappointed. Now, this does not mean that we will always get what we want, but we will understand that God will supply unto us that which we need. Confidence in God teaches us to rely upon him.

**Philippians 1: 6,....**being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ....

By faith believing in Jesus Christ, salvation happens in an instant, but the process of becoming Christ like is just that, it is a process that takes place over time. We, therefore, must not spend all our time focusing on specific actions that we think should be taking place in our lives, but we should be focused on those things that effect the time when humanity meets Christ face to face.

Everyone born of the spirit is being conformed into the image and likeness of Christ. It is an ongoing process that will be brought to completion when we are glorified by him.

**Romans 8: 30,....**moreover whom he did predestinate, them also he called, and whom he called, them he also justified, and who he justified, them he also glorified....

God desires each of us to be continuously changed from one state of glory to the next. This is because the work that needs to be carried out in the life of each believer is a work of God, and not a work of our own self-righteousness. God alone, by his grace, started the work within us so that we all might reach spiritual maturity in our life. Gods work within us is carried out through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we are to actively be dependent upon the spirit of God, so that it is not I but Christ living in me, and his spirit working through me.

**Galatians 2: 20,....**I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me....

Will Christ perfect his good work within us, yes, he will, as we live our life in full cooperation to him, presenting our bodies unto him as a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable, so that we may achieve spiritual maturity in this life, and in the ages to come, receive our glorified bodies.

**Judges 3: 15 – 22,....**the children of Israel cried unto the Lord, the Lord raised them up a deliverer, Ehud....Ehud made him a dagger....he did gird it under his raiment....he brought....unto Eglon....to offer the present....and said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king....Ehud came unto him....I have a message from God....Ehud....took the dagger....and thrust it into his belly....and he could not draw the dagger out of his belly....

Even though this week's scripture teaches us how to have confidence while fulfilling Gods purpose and plan. It also teaches us that confidence takes preparation. Many give their lives to God through salvation and stop at that. This is due to a lack of preparing ourselves for God to use us. Falling prey to our worldly desires soon will let us forget that the whole duty of man is to obey the commandments of God.

**Ecclesiastes 12: 13,....**let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter, fear God, and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man....

God ordains each believer as vessels of honour, but each person ultimately chooses whether they want to be used, and these choices are made according to the amount of preparation in our life in Christ.

**2 Timothy 2: 20 – 21,....**in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth, and some to honour, and some to dishonour....if a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the masters use, and prepared unto every good work....

So, what are the key ingredients for spiritual preparation, it is fervent prayer, and consistent study of Gods word. Study in the word of God reveals unto us who we are in Christ. As believers, we should know that without prayer and study in God's word we cannot prepare ourselves for the work that the Lord has for us to do.

**Acts 17: 11,....**they received the word of God with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so....

It is not effective for us to know the word of God in passing, or to know the word of God second hand. Those who have eager expectations, search, and examine the contents of Gods word daily, with a deep desire to know the truth. These truths are revealed unto us by the leading of the Holy Spirit, through meditation and prayer, so that we may see that the truth that we are taught is secure in Christ.

**Judges 3: 23 – 25, 29 – 30,....**Ehud went forth....when he was gone out, his servants came....they tarried till they were ashamed....and opened....and behold their Lord was....dead....they slew of Moab....two thousand men....so Moab was subdued....and the land had rest....

With God nothing is impossible, which comes through hope, brought about by faith in God, and this makes possible our relationship with Christ Jesus. When we are confident that we are fulfilling Gods plan, then we are performing his work under his protection, because it is what he has chosen us to do. When others begin to see our confidence then they will respond in like manner.

Let us remember that spiritual wisdom means preparation, planning ahead for what God has in store for us to do. God himself is the truth behind his word, therefore, no promise from him will ever fail to be fulfilled. If God has promised it, then nothing will stand in his way. Only unbelief questions the word of God. Therefore, we must believe that nothing is impossible with God.

**Matthew 19: 25 – 26,....**when his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, who then can be saved? Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, with men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible....

With God all things are possible, including the salvation of sinners. Every promise and every command in God's word points us to Christ and to the saving grace which comes unto us through his crucifixion and resurrection. Often time, Gods purpose and plan for our life, we will not understand, because there is always something lacking in the heart of man, therefore, we must prepare, and that preparation comes by faith, and faith ultimately comes by the word of God.

**Romans 10: 17,....**so then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God....

The quiet humility of our actions, when led by the guidance of the spirit of God, speaks louder than any words that we could utter on our own. Despite all that we face in our life, there should be no doubt that God is directing us and leading us into the daily realities that he has in store for us to do, and all with the steadfast assurance that he will remain with us and see us through to being victorious in him. We, therefore, must always trust, and be thankful that God has our back.

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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