

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.

God Works Through Us

Isaiah 26: 12

It is Gods will to prepare and to equip all believers in Christ with every good thing that is pleasing unto him. For this reason, we must strive for a life that will carry out every good work that God has prepared for us to do through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. God desires that we live our new life in the grace and sufficiency of his Son, Christ, so that we might boldly say it is not I that lives but it is the power of Christ living in me, and through me.

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

To have faith and to trust in God means following God through obedience to his word, even though, often time, we do not fully understand his instruction. This lack of understanding may even cause us to doubt our ability to achieve what God is asking of us to do, but because of our growing faith we will rely on God to provide that which we need to accomplish his will. God working in us is the key, so that we might understand that we can do nothing on our own, but it is God working through us. Our life in Christ is all about God the Father. Everything begins with God, everything in our life continues with God, and everything will end with God. Every opportunity for which we are equipped in our life in Christ is Gods will for us.

Isaiah 26: 12,....Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us, for thou also has wrought all our works in us....

When God takes action, it causes his people to know that he is God, and to learn that the way of his righteousness is by faith in his Son Christ alone. Spiritual blessings and peace of mind do not come to us due to our greatness in making things happen, but we enjoy spiritual blessings because of Gods efforts. Remember, we are the tools that God uses to bring about all these things in our life.

Whenever we begin to think that we have accomplished so much in our life, let us remember that it was God who worked through us. Realizing this will help us to understand why it is that God gives unto us peace and rest for our soul, even though he is the one who has done and is going to do all the work in our life in Christ.

Psalms 90: 17,....and let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands establish thou it....

To understand God working through us we must see and compare the wisdom of things eternal with the foolishness of mortal man. This mortal life that we live is short-lived and temporary, and it is full of challenges in the world. God on the other hand is sovereign, and timeless, and in control of all things, and is not bound by the momentary of time, for he is the one that governs the passing of time and sets the boundaries and maintains them. God sees all sin and only God can resolve the problems that come on account of sin. Our efforts are only worth while when we acknowledge Gods grace and recognize that he is the one who gives unto us mercy. Only God can establish the works of our hands, because only God can make what we do meaningful and lasting. It is a right relationship with God that is necessary for us to have a worthwhile life.

Philippians 2: 13,....for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure....

All works that we provide in our own strength will be burned up, for there is no one that does good works apart from God himself. When we try to produce good works of ourselves, they are works of the flesh, works that God will not accept, for God will not share his glory with mankind. God has planned numerous works for us to do, and he has planned for us to do them the exact way that he has designed them, and when we choose to do so according to his will, it is a blessing of eternal value unto us, and it glorifies and is pleasing to an everlasting God.

Hebrews 11: 6,....without faith it is impossible to please him....

The first obvious step in living a life that is pleasing unto God so that he may work his works through us, is to be saved by the redeeming blood of Christ. We please God when we are justified, we please God through a sanctified life, which means that we please God when we are saved, and we are to continue to please God throughout our life in Christ. Our actions prove our faith, and our actions come by God working through us. One of the great things to being a born-again believer is the ability that God gives unto us to do the things that we could never do on our own. It is the Holy Spirit working in and through us, to help us in overcoming the limitations that we have set for ourselves in our life in Christ. Christ helps us to reach people that we have already looked on as unreachable. To share with those who have been deceived by the ways of the world. To share with them the understanding of the gospel of grace that gives unto us his unlimited strength and power.

Isaiah 40: 28 – 31,....hast thou noy heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding....he giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might he increaseth strength....they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk, and not faint....

God cannot work through us when we bear unbelief, and because of that unbelief we are foolish enough to think that God cannot see our sinfulness. Do we wander or stray away from God, do we murmur and complain against him at times, do we need to be reminded who God is in our life, what he has done for all humanity, and what he is doing and continues to do, the promises of his future work in our life. God has scheduled everyday of our lives from start to finish, he is eternal, his ways are unsearchable, nothing can measure the depths of his understanding. Gods word is true, his promises are sure, his judgements are just. Only his power is sufficient to sustain us, and only his mercy and grace can shelter us from life's situations and circumstances. When we, as believers, truly identify with Christ by admitting our shortcomings, it is then that Gods strength is made perfect through weaknesses.

2 Corinthians 12: 7 – 9,....lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations....he said unto me, my grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness....

What would keep us as a Christian from allowing God to work through us, the answer would be spiritual pride. God knows the incredible privileges and opportunities that he has granted unto us. He also knows that there are those that will use these privileges and opportunities to make themselves seem considerably more important than others in the body of Christ. For this reason, in order for God to work through us, he must humble us, and we must remain humble, and this takes a constant reminder, a reminder that is not meant to discourage us, but to encourage us. Let us therefore remember that all things in our life is an opportunity of God working through us.

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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