

# *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. 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.

Proclaiming Gods Word

## 2 Timothy 4: 1 – 2

Man is created for a purpose, and that purpose is to do the will of God. So, to the believer, it now makes sense that we feel the best when we are accomplishing Gods purpose. There is more to life than simply just living in this world, for we have a purpose beyond this world, and we will never feel right until we are living out that God given purpose, which means that we are making progress on behalf of the one who created us. What sustains us in our life? It is obedience to God and his word, it is accomplishing his will, it is doing the work that he would have us to do, and it is proclaiming that Gods word is true.

**Proverbs 30: 5,....**every word of God is pure, he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him....

God's word is worthy of our trust, because his word is tested, it is tried, it is proven to be true, it is flawless, it is perfect and sincere. The promises of Gods word provide direction and protection as we use it to accomplish his intended purpose in our life. God's word is alive, it is powerful, and it reveals God himself to all of humanity. We come to know God and enter into a relationship with him through his word, and with this he teaches, rebukes, corrects, prepares, and equips us for every good work. Gods word is the final authority; therefore, it is our willing desire to proclaim it to all of humanity.

**2 Timothy 4: 1 – 2,....**I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ....preach the word, be instant in season, out of season....

As believers, we are instructed to proclaim the truth of Gods word, for in doing so we are proclaiming Christ and his saving grace. So, whether we see it as a matter of convenience or not, we should always be in a state of preparedness to proclaim the truth of Gods word, not only with wisdom, knowledge and understanding, but also in our actions, and with our attitudes and behaviors. Proclaiming Gods word means to encourage others with the love and compassion of Christ, reflecting a time of watching and waiting for the day of the Lords return for his church. Proclaiming Gods word has nothing to do with what we think that it says, nor does it mean seeking after the conclusion that others may have come to concerning what they think, but it has everything to do with the security that God has given unto us through his word, by the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, concerning various situations in our life, so that we might be able to share these experiences with others. Therefore, when God speaks to us through his word, we would do well to take note of what he is saying, why, because of the eternal value and spiritual benefit that it is going to bring to our life, and to the life of the others.

**Titus 2: 7 – 10,....**in all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech, that cannot be condemned....exhort servants to be obedient....not prolonging, but shewing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our savior in all things....

Proclaiming the word of God is a necessity, for we live in a world where people do not want to hear sound doctrine but will gather unto themselves those who will tell them what they want to hear, that which suits their own worldly desires. As servants of God, everything that we do must bring honor and glory to God, and to the truth of his word. Believers must make the teachings of Gods word appealing unto others, by living out his promises in their life. We must see both ourselves and others in Christ as brothers and sisters in the family of God, having unity through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We are to teach one another how-to live-in Christ, by living our life for Christ. This means utilizing our faith in Gods word as a useful tool in our life. There is more to our life in Christ than just gathering knowledge of his word a couple hours a week in church, and then sitting on that knowledge the rest of the week. We must use it for the sake of the kingdom of God.

**2 Timothy 3: 14 – 17,....**continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of....which are able to make thee wise unto salvation....all scripture is given by inspiration of God....that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works....

How does one strive to become complete in God? By spiritually maturing in their life in Christ. This comes through studying, meditating, and applying God's word to our life. The greater the God-given understanding is in our life, the better it enhances the application to life's issues. The word of God cannot be compared to any other writings. No other writings have the godly inspiration, or godly authority that we find in his word. It is the only writings that contain life and light, teaching the hope of eternal salvation, this is because these writings are Christ himself. Living in total dependence on God's word, means that we are living in total dependence upon Christ, therefore we are being transformed from spiritual immaturity to spiritual maturity. These writings are communicated unto us from God, through Christ, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, unto every man and woman who have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb of God.

**2 Timothy 1: 6 – 11,....**stir up the gift of God....be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord....be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel....who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling....and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel....whereunto I am appointed a preacher....

One of the many responsibilities or opportunities that we have as believers is to make sure that the truth of salvation is passed on from our generation to the next. Part of that truth is to warn people of deception, to warn people of the difficulties and dangers, and to warn people of the consequences of God's wrath, judgement, and condemnation because of living a sinful life in disobedience to God's word. On the other hand, there is the truth of salvation, which is spiritual encouragement, and support, detailed instructions that do not minimize the truth of the perilous times to come, so that as believers we might be prepared for what lies ahead. Therefore, we seek to encourage one another to become faithful in our calling, to build up the body of Christ, to strengthen one another, to be bold in our testing of the truth, to always continue to share the gospel of God, which is the saving grace that comes through Jesus Christ his only begotten Son.

**1 Timothy 6: 11 – 12,....**but thou O man of God....follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness....fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed as good profession before any witnesses....

We are instructed to proclaim Gods word, through encouragement of eternal blessings, and also through warnings of Gods wrath and condemnation. Is our life in Christ going to be a difficult struggle, sure it is, but one thing that will help is in knowing that our fight is not against God, but we are to join in with God, standing firm in the truth of his word while battling the sinfulness of the world, the lust of the flesh, and our own self-will. Eternal life is not just about living forever in the life to come, but it is also about living a victorious life in Christ here and now. Our patient endurance and determination in portraying Gods word will ensure within us a godly confession in the presence of many witnesses.

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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