

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

1.14.2024

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.

The Household of God

Ephesians 2: 11 – 22

Because of Christ and what he has done for us through the crucifixion and the resurrection, he is the foundation that we base our faith upon, and through faith believing in him he provides us both physical and spiritual stability in a world where there is no stability. Therefore, without Christ there is no stability in the lives of mankind because the sinfulness that we allow in our lives, keeps us separated from God, so spiritually we are strangers to God, and we are strangers to others. Now, it is Gods desire that each person comes to know him by faith believing upon his Son, Christ.

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

Once we accept Christ as our savior, we become eternally part of God's family. Now, as being part of the household of God we have gained many, many brothers, and sisters in Christ. Every Christian in the world is part of the family of God, and his family is not restricted by culture, age, gender, or race. Every person within the family of God is equal, and this means that each one that is a part of the family of God can go to the throne of God to obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. God delights not only in hearing our prayers, but he also loves to answer our prayers in accordance with his will.

John 1:12 – 13,....but as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on his name, which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God....

Galatians 3: 28,....There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond or free, there is neither male or female, for ye are all one in Christ....

Hebrew 4: 16,....let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need....

Being a member of the family of God brings with it eternal benefits. Therefore, we can look forward to, and pray for the day of the Lord's return. In eternity with God, we will be surrounded by other believers, so we can rest in the knowledge, knowing that we will have millions of brothers and sisters in Christ, in heaven.

Mark 3: 35,....for whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and my mother....

Ephesians 2: 11 – 13,....remember, that ye being....gentiles....are called uncircumcision by that which is called circumcision....at that time ye were without Christ....strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in this world, but now in Christ Jesus ye....are made nigh by the blood of Christ....

Israel, as a reminder of their covenant with God was given the physical sign of circumcision to show them as God's chosen people, who were to walk in his ways and obey his word. Now, gentiles did not have the outward sign of circumcision, therefore, they were despised by the Jewish people. Today's scripture shows unto us that physical signs, whether it be circumcision, or water baptism, or any of the many other forms of religious actions, signs have no bearing on our spiritual relationship with God. In order to enter into our new covenant with Christ, it is our heart that must be circumcised, through faith. We are justified by faith; this is what designates one's spiritual standing with God. Nothing that we can do in the flesh will justify us in the eyes of God. The only thing that brings salvation to us and pleases God is a heart, that by faith, believes in his Son, Christ, and the work which he has done.

1 Peter 1: 18 – 19,.... forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your conversation received by tradition from your fathers....but with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot....

So, what is it that humanity values the most in life, is it that which is perishable or imperishable? Although God created man in his own image and bestowed upon him everything that relates to life, we were bought with a price, therefore, we are not to live our life trusting that those things which are perishable will get us into heaven, but we are to rely upon the precious blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2: 14 – 18,.... he is our peace, who hath....broken down the middle wall of partition....having abolished....the enmity....contained in ordinances....that he might reconcile both unto God....having slain the enmity....came and preached peace....for through him we both have access by one spirit unto the Father....

Christ's sacrifice was the only payment that God would accept for the price of sin. Christ paid the price of sin for all of humanity, but the law was only made of no effect for those who would believe upon his name. This means that the sins of the unsaved have been paid for by the blood of Christ, but they remain under the condemnation of the law because they have not believed on the only begotten Son of God. But there is no condemnation to those which believe in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8: 1 – 5,.... there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus....for what the law could not do....God sending his own Son....condemned sin....that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled....

The wall of partition that was between God and his chosen people, and the gentiles, all was removed so that Christ might create in himself one new man from two groups of people. The result was peace with God within the hearts of all who will trust in Christ, which means peace in the hearts of mankind who are one in the body of Christ. So, whether they are Jews or Gentiles, all who call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 10: 12 – 13,....for there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek....for whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved....

Ephesians 2: 19 – 22,....therefore ye are no more strangers....but fellow citizens....of the household of God....are built upon the foundation....Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone....in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord....in who ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the spirit....

All Christians are equal members of the same family. There is no longer any question about who belongs to God and who does not belong to God if we are saved by grace, through faith. We now make up a household that has an incredibly strong foundation, therefore, once we are a part of it, we are safe and secure within it. Under the law, the presence of God inhabited a physical dwelling built by mans hands, but now God dwells not in a building built by man's hands, but in the hearts of the believer, and it is Christ who takes each one and creates his church, a temple that is holy, set apart for God. Those who are without Christ cannot begin to imagine the depth of the relationship that the believer has with the Father, for we are now family members in the household of God.

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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