

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

2.18.2024

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.

Complete In Christ

Colossians 2: 6 – 19

The church today is no different than it was in Paul's day, as it is being confronted with the doctrines and philosophies of humanity, being led to believe that there cannot be a completeness in Christ through the word of God, but that there is a need for teachings based upon religious philosophies and traditions in order for believers to become secure in their salvation. On the other hand, if we stand firm in our faith, the Holy Spirit will reveal unto us, through Gods word, that with the wisdom and philosophies of man there can be no understanding of God. Remember, God is a God of truth, who is also the word of truth, through his Son, Christ Jesus. Therefore, he is inspired to be written through the power of his spirit, which is the spirit of truth that reveals unto the believer the spiritual things of God. For this reason, we must constantly strive to grow in the grace and in the knowledge of Christ. We must study the word of God with the attitude of loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves, so that we will know that there is nothing that we can do on our own, or through mankind that will help us to understand the fulness of Gods wisdom. The life that Christ lived, which he lived in the flesh, through the power of God the Father, completed everything that was necessary for the plan of salvation, which gives unto all who will accept, eternal life with Christ. All things come into existence through him, and by him, therefore, he is the completeness, and the fulness of God. He needs nothing from mankind or from manmade religions or philosophies, for he is the complete perfection of God.

Romans 8: 1,....there is therefore now no condemnation (or eternal damnation) to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit....

The need for salvation lies within the heart of all mankind. Therefore, those who have believed in Christ are now positioned in him, justified, and declared righteous by Gods grace, which has instilled within us a new identity, with the hope of eternal life.

Colossians 2: 6 – 12,....as ye have....received Christ....so walk ye in him....stablished in faith, as ye have been taught....with thanksgiving....beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit....after the....world, and not after Christ....in him dwelleth....the fulness of the Godhead....ye are complete in him....buried with him in baptism....ye are now with him through the faith....of God, who hath raised him from the dead....

Living in our spiritual maturity is based upon that which Christ has done for us through the crucifixion and the resurrection. This means that we have, by faith believing, accepted our salvation in Christ. Now, even though we are saved, it is possible for the believer to lose their spiritual focus, for if we are not growing in the spiritual maturity in which we walk, false teachers and preachers, who bring forth a new message of philosophy and tradition of the word of God can damage our relationship with God, because they offer an improved version of salvation, which claims to be a better standard for our life in Christ. Therefore, if we do not measure what we hear, and what we read by what we have been taught through the truth of the word of God then we can easily be led ashtray. We must be:

Colossians 2: 12,....buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead....

As believers, who have been saved by grace through faith, we have received the benefit of being identified with Christ. We are positioned in Christ by the spirit, we are placed in a union with Christ through the spirit, and we have received the righteousness of Christ with the spirit, which is the baptism that we have received, and now we are children of God.

Colossians 2: 13 – 15,....you, being dead in your sins....of your flesh, hath he quickened....having forgiven you all trespasses....blotting out the handwriting....that was against us....and took it out of the way, nailing it to the cross....having spoiled principalities and powers....triumphing over them....

The word of God condemns every soul, for the word of God is perfect in that it accuses every man of sin, for it demands flawless perfection from flawed people, for no one can keep the perfect requirements of Gods eternal word. For this reason, God provided a way for us to be perfect and entire in him, which comes through his mercy and his grace. Therefore, through Christ, the punishment against us, that came because of our sin, was canceled, because the price of that sin debt was paid in its entirety on the cross. Our sin was judged at the cross and will never be judged again. Christ accepted our punishment, which came from God, and he gave unto us his righteousness, and through his saving grace he declares us righteous before his father who is in heaven. Therefore, as Christians, we need not live in the fearfulness of the sinfulness of the world, but we are to be rooted and grounded in the truth of God's word so that any false teachings will have no appeal to us.

2 Corinthians 5: 21,....for he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him....

Christ became sin for us, but at no time was Christ declared a sinner, for Christ was never guilty of an actual sin. Christ bore the punishment of our sin, when he suffered and died for us, and took our place on the cross. Therefore, our sin was assigned unto him, and by our faith Gods righteousness is assigned unto us. We are not righteous in ourselves; Christs righteousness is applied unto us. Now we can stand before God sinless, just as Christ is sinless.

Colossians 2: 16 – 19,....let no man therefore judge you....let no man beguile you of your reward....(deceive you in a way that distracts you from your true reward) intruding into those things which he hath not seen....having nourishment ministered....increaseth with the increase of God....

As Christians, we should not allow anyone to deceive us in such a way that we would abandon our freedom in Christ. Only by holding fast to our faith in Christ can we increase in our spiritual maturity, so that false teachers, who are those who claim to have special knowledge, will be of no effect on our life in Christ. How foolish it would be to allow all that we have in Christ to be compromised by those who delight in worldly desires of deception. The enemy of our soul, which is Satan, is not in a position to remove our eternal salvation from us, but he can shred our testimony, which means that if we allow, he will cause us to stumble and fall, which will render our testimony void in the presence of those around us. Therefore, we are warned concerning worldly humility, love, and compassion, which is false, so that we may not worship after an obsession of spiritual things, but we must worship God alone, and trust in the truth of his word. This is why we are told through his word to:

Hebrews 12: 1 – 3,....run with patience the race that is set before 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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