

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Adult Sunday School Lesson

3.3.2024

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.

Jesus Claim to Deity

## **John 8: 31 – 38, 48 – 56, 58 – 59**

Although in our present age we cannot comprehend the complexity of God, the one great thing that we can know is who God is, because he has revealed himself unto us through his Son, Christ Jesus. God created mankind with having a personal relationship with them in mind, but sin separated humanity from him, and for this reason, God made the promise that:

**Jeremiah 29: 13 – 14,.....**ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart....and I will be found of you, saith the Lord....

The world is full of people who know just enough about God to make them feel better about themselves, so that they might convince themselves that they are fine, but their eyes do not really see Christ, their ears do not really hear his voice, and in their life, they are not really in a close relationship with him. They say that they love Christ, but they do not love him enough to be obedient to the spirit of God. So, what is the best way to know who Jesus really is, the answer would be to find out what he has to say, through his word.

**John 5: 39,....**search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me....

While searching through the scriptures we must allow the Holy Spirit to help us to see what it is that we are looking for, keeping in mind, that those who put their trust in him will set their hearts and minds on the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Philippians 3: 10,....**that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death....

On the cross, Christ took the penalty of sin upon himself, the sin which separated us from the Father, he then clothed us in his own righteousness, and made us one with himself, so that when the Father looks at us, he sees within us the perfection of his Son, Christ. Christ was the perfect example of what a perfect man should be, and we who are saved by his blood were baptized into his death, and we are now risen with him into the newness of his life, and we are to be perfect as he is perfect. We must keep our eyes focused firmly on Christ and learn obedience through his word, so that we might trust in him by submitting to the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**John 8: 31 – 38,....**then said Jesus....if ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples....and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free....we....were never in bondage....how sayest thou, ye shall be made free....Jesus answered....whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin....if the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed....ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you....I speak that which I have seen with my Father, and ye do that which ye have seen with your Father....

Since the truth is so seldom heard these days, as Christians, we must abide in God's word as a standard by which to measure our actions and attitudes in life. If we do not, then those who are living apart from God do not have the spiritual strength to live apart from sin, and they are therefore a slave unto it, and only Christ can set us free from the bondage of sin.

**John 8: 32,....**ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free....

There are many who have been born again, but not all chose to abide in the truth of God's word, and as a result they become prey to the deceptive teachings and preachings of the many religious traditions of the world. Christians are not necessarily disciples, but disciples certainly are Christians. When we study and obey the word of God, we grow in our spiritual knowledge, and our spiritual understanding matures. The more that we grow in our life in Christ, the greater our freedom becomes from the sin nature that keeps us in bondage.

**John 8: 36,....**if the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed....

If we commit sin, then we are enslaved by that sin, but in Christ we are set free, and since he is the Son of God, who remains forever, what he determines to be true shall stand.

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

**John 8: 48 – 56,....**than answered the Jews....say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? Jesus answered, I have not a devil, but I honor my Father....and I seek not my own glory, there is one that seeketh and judgeth....verily, verily I say unto you, if a man shall keep my saying, he shall never see death....then said the Jews....now we know that thou hast a devil....art thou greater than our Father Abraham?....whom makest thou thyself?....if I honor myself, my honor is nothing....my Father honoureth me....yet ye have not known him....but I know him, and keep his saying....your Father Abraham rejoiced....he saw it....and was glad....

Humanity is more interested in protecting their own reputation than they are in following the truths that are revealed by the word of God, which teaches us that every deed is meant to bring glory to God and not to man. As Christians, we should not allow the world around us to influence or determine our spiritual worth by looking through worldly eyes, for we live to honor God and not ourselves, because our primary commitment is to please God. This means that we are not to seek after glory, or wealth, or power, or the prestige that this world has to offer, and we are not to be honored by this world, but we are to pursue after the redemptive work which Christ began on the cross, a work that he invites us to enjoy eternally.

**John 17: 24,....**Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am, that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me, for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world....

Those who reject Gods word have no interest in hearing the message of Christ saving grace. They do not believe, therefore, they will not hear, for Gods word finds no place in them, they cannot bear to hear the word of God, for they walk in darkness, because they have rejected their only source of spiritual truth, for instead of finding forgiveness, they will die in their sins, eternally separated from God. But, for those who keep his word, those who have accepted by faith believing the saving grace of God, which comes through his Son, Christ Jesus, we are eternally secured with him, overcoming spiritual death.

**John 8: 58 – 59,....**Jesus said....verily, verily, I say unto you, before Abraham was, I am....then took they up stones to cast at him, but Jesus hid himself....

I am, is a declaration found several times in the bible that identifies God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and reveals their sovereignty to the world. The true nature and identity of Christ has eternal significance, and it is the sovereignty of God in the flesh, that he alone could pay the debt for our sin, which we owed to God. Therefore, it is his victory over death and the grave that gives victory unto all who will put their faith and trust in him.

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.

*Tim Hughes*

304.376.3342 – Text or talk.

Tim.hughes1962@gmail.com

<https://hollowowlfarm.com/>

