

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

2.11.2024

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 Supremacy of Christ

Colossians 1: 15 – 28

Many believers today have very little knowledge when it comes to having an active relationship with God. For this reason, there are days, where it appears, and feels like life is too much to bear, and after exhausting all worldly avenues, the Holy Spirit brings us back into the reality of knowing that there is already someone in our life that is holding all things together, and no it is not ourselves, as some may say, but it is Christ Jesus who lives within us. When in our lives, things seem to be falling apart, it is in our human nature to begin to search for ways to survive, and we do this by seeking for answers to questions that we ask ourselves, and the first question that usually comes to mind is: what is it that matters most to me in my life. Now, if God is absent in our lives, then what matters most to me, is me. But, for the Christian, there is nothing more comforting than to know that God is near, and that he comforts his children.

Isaiah 41: 10,....fear thou not, for I am with thee, be not dismayed, for I am thy God, I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with....my righteousness....

Isaiah 43: 2 – 3,....when thou passeth through the waters, I will be with thee, and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee, when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee....for I am the Lord thy God....

Too often when we are going through situations and circumstances in our life, our reaction is to pray so that we may be immediately delivered. Now, this does not mean that we should not pray for deliverance, which is understandable, but, if we allow God to bring us through these situations and circumstances, he will help us to experience a greater closeness in our relationship with him, which will lead to a greater spiritual maturity. Therefore, we should not just help ourselves and one another get through life's struggles, but we should help one another see the supremacy of Christ as our strength in times of struggles. We need the perspective of God, which goes beyond our limited wisdom.

Colossians 1: 15 – 18,....who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature....for by him were all things created....all things were created by him, and for him....he is before all things, and by him all things consist....he is the head of the body, the church....that in all things he might have the preeminence....

Christ has the authority over everything that has been created. Therefore, all of creation should acknowledge him as Lord. All things owe their existence to him, for he is the source of all life, and he sustains all life, for creation exists only for the glory of God. Christ is to be the source of our faith, and our lives should be a living reflection of his word, which is the source of our decision making. Christ is the source, and the founder of the church, he is the firstfruits of all who are in him.

John 1: 3 – 4,....all things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made....in him was life, and the life was the light of men....

Hebrews 1: 3 – 4,....who being in the brightness of his glory....upholding all things by the word of his power....purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the majesty on high....

All that God has done, he done so that mankind might receive forgiveness for their sins, by believing on the name of his only begotten Son, who is sustaining all things by his powerful word.

Colossians 1: 19 – 24,....for it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell....having made peace through the blood of his cross....to reconcile all things unto himself....to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight....continue in the faith grounded and settled....be not moved away from the hope of the gospel....rejoice in....sufferings for you....fill up....of the afflictions of Christ....for his body's sake, which is the church....

Through Christ, by his death on the cross, and the resurrection, God reconciles all things to himself. Although, we as believers, do sin at times, Christ presents us before God, holy and unblemished, therefore, people who profess salvation, should not be led astray; they should not be moved from their hope in Christ. The glorious gospel of Gods saving grace is meant to give unto every believer, joy and assurance in our eternal security in Christ. As being saved by grace, through faith, we have become members of the body of Christ. We are now placed in an eternal union with God, positioned in Christ through eternity, and this truth is confirmed by his word.

2 Corinthians 5: 18 – 19,....all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of resurrection....God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them, and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation....

As believers, we have a new life in Christ which must grow in grace and mature in faith. It is the work of the Holy Spirit in our life that brings us into the likeness of Christ, for he uses the law of the Old Testament to point us to Christ, and he uses the ministering of the gospel of grace to make us like Christ. We must allow, the Holy Spirit, with every passing day, to continually change us into the likeness of Christ, so that we may show forth his goodness and grace to the praise and the glory of the Father.

Colossians 1: 25 – 28,....I am made a minister....to fulfill the word of God....even the mystery which hath been hid....but now is made manifest to his saints....to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of his mystery....which is Christ in you, the hope of glory....which we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus....

As believers, through the gospel, we have all received commissions and responsibilities from God. This responsibility is the God given task of revealing the mystery of the gospel to all of humanity. Gods desire is that we do our part to bring people into the knowledge of spiritual maturity in Christ. Therefore, we are to encourage others, by giving unto them positive instruction within the body of Christ, so that they may reach their spiritual potential. Despite situations and circumstances in our life, we should delight in proclaiming the gospel of grace and truth, which comes to us through the Lord Jesus Christ. May we all seek to live humbly before God, that we all may come together in the unity of our faith through the knowledge of the fulness of his Son, and our savior, Christ Jesus.

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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