

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

3.31.2024

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 Resurrection of Jesus

Luke 2: 1 – 12, 30 – 35

Man has spent a lifetime seeking something living among the dead. This is because our spiritual misunderstanding brings confusion in our life concerning the difference between spiritual prosperity and prosperity in the world. Often time, we will allow ourselves to come under the notion, that we can find spiritual prosperity hidden within those things that we consider to be of value in the world, so that we may use them in our life in Christ. Only through God and his word can we realize that worldly prosperity is an illusion, and even though, at times, it may seem like good things are only happening to the people around us who's truth seem to lie within the wisdom and knowledge of the world, we must realize that these deceptive lies cannot bring lasting fulfillment, for they are but pleasant dreams that can only please us for a short while. Whenever we are tempted to walk down a pathway that only proves to promise worldly contentment, remember, those pathways are dead end roads that are designed to destroy our faithfulness in God. Therefore, we must keep our focus on our relationship with God, by listening to him through his word, for it is through his word that we will find the truth of our spiritual prosperity, which strengthens the hope of our eternal life with Christ.

Psalm 73: 2 – 3, 22, 26, 28,....as for me, my feet were almost gone, my steps well nigh slipped....for I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked....so foolish was I, and ignorant....my flesh and my heart faileth, by God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever....it is good for me to draw near to God, I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy works....

Luke 24: 1 – 12,....upon the first day of the week....they came unto the sepulcher, bringing the spices which they had prepared....they found the stone rolled away....they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord....as they were much perplexed....two men stood by....they said unto them....why seek ye the living among the dead....he is not here, but is risen....remember....the Son of Man must be delivered....and crucified, and on the third day rise again....they remembered his words, and returned....and told all things....their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not....then....Peter....ran unto the sepulcher....he beheld the linen clothes....and departed, wondering in himself at that which was come to pass....

Happenings in our life will not always go as planned, therefore, we must always seek after, and trust in Gods plan. Often time, even though we know what is written in his word, God must give unto us reminders of what it actually says. We have received the message but due to the circumstances that surround us in our life, we just cannot comprehend that the message which we have received can be true. Therefore, when we attend events in our life, and we see things with our own eyes, we allow what seems to be overwhelming circumstances to cloud the truth of what we have learned through the teachings of God's word. For this reason, by the guidance of his spirit, God through his word will bring us by remembrance, back into the reality of his truth, and out of what appears to be the existence of actual real-world events. Now, preaching and teaching this truth unto others, who have also witnessed these happenings, may seem as foolish, idle tales, but as for those who know the truth and believe in it, we must be willing to accept the responsibility for the spiritual well-being and the eternal existence of the many who are dependent upon hearing the truth of God's word.

2 Timothy 4: 1 – 5,....I charge thee therefore before God....preach the word, be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine....for the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts shall heap to themselves teachers, having itchy ears....and they shall be turned to fables....watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry....

To teach the word is to teach the truth, and to teach the truth is to teach Christ and him crucified without compromise.

1 Corinthians 2: 2,....for I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified....

In the world that we live in, humanity strives to disprove the word of God. Therefore, to teach the truth of God's word in love requires patience and compassion, it requires us to encourage and to persuade others to watch and to wait for the return of the Lord Jesus Christ for his church. We should always reflect the character of Christ by showing forth his grace and his mercy. Now, this means that we do not teach others what we think Gods word says, nor do we teach others what we would like it to say, but it means that we teach Gods word in the context in which it was written, without individual opinions or interpretations which would alter the truthful meaning of his word. For the word of God is its own interpretation.

2 Peter 1: 20,....knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any interpretation....

Luke 24: 30 – 25,....as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave them....their eyes were opened, and they knew him....they said....he opened to us the scriptures?...they....returned....and found the eleven gathered together....saying, the lord is risen....they told....how he was known....in breaking of bread....

As soon as Christ gave unto them the bread, they understood who he was.

John 6: 33 – 35,....for the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world....Lord, evermore give us this bread....Jesus said....I am the bread of life, he that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst....

Many follow after Christ but for all the wrong reasons. They do not seek after God because they have a hunger in their soul for forgiveness and spiritual maturity, they do so to satisfy an appetite of worldly want and need. The bread that feeds us spiritually also warns us that we are not to seek after that which perishes, but after that which will endure unto eternal life. We often time misunderstand this teaching due to our unbelief.

1 John 5: 12,....he that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son hath no life....

Christ is both the giver and the sustainer of life, for he is the eternal Son of God, and the perfect Son of Man. Even though mankind searches through many places to discover salvation and eternal life, it can only be found in Christ Jesus. Those who believe in Christ as their sin substitute are resurrected unto Christ, and nothing can alter their eternal destiny. Salvation is given unto us by grace, through faith in Christ finished work on the cross. Everything that was given was given unto us by God, through his word, and was given so that we might not just accept his free gift of salvation, but that we might also declare the Son of God unto all who will hear and believe.

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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