

Mt. Lebanon Church

Sermon

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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. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

Allowing Gods Truth to Set Us Free

John 8: 31 – 32

Humanity desires freedom, and true freedom can only come to us when we allow Gods truth to set us free. This freedom begins, when through the truth of God's word, by accepting the saving grace of Gods only begotten Son, we are set free from the bondage of sin. Now, once we are saved, we will continue to experience the spiritual characteristics of our freedom, as we allow God to sanctify, and position us in his righteousness, which comes through the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding which he has brought unto us through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Now, for us to practice the truth, we must learn to walk in the light of that truth, by becoming obedient to his word.

John 17: 17,....sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth....

As believers, we are separated from the unbelieving world, when we are united in God by the truth of his word. The more that we come to God through his word, the more that we will be transformed into the image and likeness of his Son, Christ. As we open our heart according to the guidance of the spirit that dwells within us, it is in this place in our life where we meet God. We have the written word of God without, and we have the living word of God within. God is truth, and our salvation comes when we accept and believe in the reality of who he is. All that is of Christ, and all that is recorded of him is contained in Gods word, and his word is truth. Only as we read and meditate on the truth of God's word will we be able to trust in him, so that he might complete the good work that he has begun within us.

John 8: 31 – 32,.... then said Jesus....if ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples in deed, and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free....

Falling prey to the temptation of sin corrupts our thinking, it controls our actions, and it destroys our peace of mind, for it is sin that separates us from God, and if it continues to do so, it will condemn us to an eternal condemnation in hell. On the other hand, Christ, who represents the truth of all things, who through his death on the cross, and by his resurrection has made it possible for mankind to escape the eternal damnation of sin, by accepting Gods free gift of salvation, through the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Now, there are those who are born again, but they do not choose to abide in the truth of God's word because of their own self-righteous works and material gain. As we obey the word of God we grow in spiritual knowledge, and our spiritual understanding matures. Just accepting the truth of Gods word is not enough, we must also become obedient to his word.

1 John 5: 20,....We know that the Son of God has come, and hath given unto us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son, Jesus Christ....This is the true God, and eternal life....

Christ offers unto all who will receive, he offers a spiritual freedom from the bondage of sin, which means that he will release us from our own sinful lifestyle by helping us to see the truth of our life, and the truth of our condition in Christ. Christ came to proclaim to all of humanity, that there is liberty in truth, and he is that truth. For the believer, it is God's word that gives unto us an understanding of the truth, which is a spiritual conception of Gods nature, and also his character, so that we our able to develop a personal, intimate relationship with him. For it is only through the truth of God's word that we can grasp the depth of his love and compassion, so that we might be able to see the reality of our eternal life with him, which he offers through his Son, Christ Jesus.

Jeremiah 10: 10,....the Lord is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king....he hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion....

The greatness of the power of God cannot be compared with anything that is in the heavens above or on the earth beneath, for God alone is the eternal, sovereign God of the universe. Gods perfect plan for mankind is unfolding before our eyes daily. Nations are rising up against God, and against one another, and as we look around in despair it may seem that the wickedness of this world is winning, but we must rest assured that God will rise up and destroy the sinfulness of this world, for the Lord is the only true God.

John 17: 3,....this is eternal life, that we might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent....

Eternal life is not just something that we look forward to in the distant future, eternal life is a free gift of grace from God, given unto all who will believe upon him as their savior, to have as a possession, not only in the future, but also now in this present day as well. Therefore, it is something that is received the moment that we trust in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Eternal life is not just a knowledge of God, it is knowing God personally, which is an intimate eternal fellowship with him that begins by grace through faith in Christ Jesus our Lord. We cannot know the Father without the Son, for they are one in truth, one in purpose, one in spirit, and one in life. Christ is the word of God that was made flesh; therefore, he is the only one who can make God known unto all mankind, through the power of the Holy Spirit. There is no life without God, and the life that he gives is eternal life, which is given unto the one that is dead in trespasses and sins the moment that we trust in him as our savior. Therefore, there is no life without God, and without Christ there is no access to God. God has given Christ the power over all of mankind, so that he might give eternal life to as many who shall receive him.

3 John 1: 3 – 4,....I rejoice greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in truth....I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth....

All those who are born again, who are walking in fellowship with God, it can be said that they are walking in the truth of Gods word. As believers, we are to live for the pleasure of seeing others develop in their relationship with God, to encourage others, to build them up, so that they might walk in truth, so that there would be no greater joy in life than a relationship with God.

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

Those without faith in Christ are bound by sin, and sin enslaves us, for it deceives us by promising us freedom, but really all it does is to control us, and corrupt us in the sinful wickedness of the world. Christ sets us free from our own self-righteousness, free from the power of sin in our lives. We are only truly free when we have been set free in Christ. The freedom that Christ gives unto us is the freedom to willingly be obedient to his every word. So, in this regard, we are free to do what we now want to do, and what we want to do is that which God desires us to do. This means that our desires have changed, we no longer desire the sinful attractions of the world, but we desire to be free in Christ. As believers, we are no longer defined by the things which we have done, but we are defined by that which Christ has done through us by his love. If we are in Christ, then we have allowed God's truth to set us free.

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 that God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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