

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Adult Sunday School Lesson

6.23.2024

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.

Ruth Meets Boaz

## **Ruth 2: 8 – 18**

As believers, we have been entrusted with the responsibility of sharing God's grace with others, which means that our lives are meant to be a living testimony, pointing others toward a personal relationship with Christ Jesus, so that they might experience the power of God's love through salvation. Therefore, since we have been given the gift of God's grace, it is our duty to share it, not just through kindness, and love, and compassion, but most importantly through sharing the message of the saving grace of salvation through Christ Jesus our Lord. Our words and our actions, must reflect the characteristics of a compassionate, loving God, who through his genuine care and concern for us has given unto us the opportunity to create, and extend God's love and compassion unto others, by inviting them into a personal relationship with Christ. This is our role as faithful messengers of Christ, who by his Holy Spirit, convicts, and draws our hearts unto God, for we are not called to judge or to condemn, but to teach the whole counsel of God through humility and loving compassion.

**1 Corinthians 10: 33,....**even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved....

Attempting to please others must have nothing to do with worldliness but should have everything to do with their spiritual welfare. We must be willing to set aside that which we see as worldly happiness, that which comes through self-righteous freedoms, for these things are careless, and meaningless, and costly, we must set them aside so that we might lead as many people as possible to faith in Christ. It is not righteous that we should speak with enticing words of flattery, but a Christian speaks the truth of God's word, which may not be pleasing unto all men, but is always pleasing unto God, when done by the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Our actions are not for the benefit of ourselves, but our desire is always that God would save those who are lost and undone without him. Therefore, we do not do anything that would make it harder for any one-person to trust in God.

**1 Corinthians 2: 1- 5,....**and I....came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom....for I determined not to know anything....save Jesus Christ and him crucified....my speech....was not with enticing words of mans wisdom, but in demonstration of the spirit and of power....that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of man, but in the power of God....

**Colossians 3: 17,....**whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him....

Whatever we do, we do by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, fully submitting unto God, carried out through our obedience to his word. Impressive words of human wisdom will not convince mankind to believe in Christ. It is only by the simple message of Christ crucifixion and resurrection, marked by the power of an almighty God through our own humbleness, this demonstrates unto others the example of the gospel of Christ. Relying on the divine wisdom of the Holy Spirit, through the power of God, challenges the believer to recognize the true service of Gods wisdom, so that we might embrace the nature of the message of our salvation, and proclaim the gospel of the saving grace of Jesus Christ to all who will hear.

**Ruth 2: 8 – 13,....** Then said Boaz unto Ruth....go not to glean in another field....but abide here....but thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them....when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink....why have I found grace in thine eyes....Boaz answered....it hath been shewed me, all that thou hast done....and art come unto a people which thou knewest not....the Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God....she said, let me find favour in thy sight....for thou hast spoken friendly....though I be not like unto one of thine handmaids....

Even as believers, we have done nothing to deserve the kindness and compassion of God. God's undeserved favour has given unto us all that we need for both our physical life and our spiritual life. We are promised every advantage that we would ever need to live a life in Christ, now and for eternity. God has never, nor will he ever overlook us, or treat us as if he has never known us. As we begin to recognize our grace in the eyes of the Lord, this, because of his favour and kindness toward us, this will show unto us that it is then that we begin to acknowledge God's grace in our life as a reflection of our reverence and gratitude of what God has provided for us. The word of God reminds us of the importance of recognizing the grace that we have received, grace that not only comes from God, but also from others within the body of Christ. Yes, because of our inherited sinful nature we are strangers and foreigners, but because of God's grace and compassion we are no longer strangers, but heirs, therefore, the commandment of loving our neighbor as ourselves should be a reflection of the grace and compassion of the God which we have received.

**1 Corinthians 15: 10,....**by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain....yet not I, but the grace of God which was within me....

Why would God ever choose us to represent his Son Christ unto the world? It is not because we have earned it, and it is not because we have the power ourselves, but it is because of God's grace. As believers, we see ourselves as someone who is unworthy of receiving a gift that is unearned, being transformed into the likeness of Christ, and being sent out as a representative of his likeness. We must never take credit for our own work ethic, for our ability comes by the grace of God.

**Ruth 2: 14 – 18,....**Boaz said....at mealtime come....and eat of the bread....she did eat, and was sufficed....she was risen up to glean....let her glean among the sheaves....let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her....so she gleaned in the field....and she took it up....into....her mother in law....and gave to her that she reserved....

God will supply all that we need when we need it. When facing circumstances in our life, we can rest assured in God's faithfulness. God will not always care for us in the same way that he cares for others, nor will he always care for us the same as he cared for us in the past, but he will care for us. We must be careful not to overlook the grace that God provides, for he may not give unto us everything that we want, but he will always give unto us everything that we need, and often time we must suffer through trials, and tribulations, and hardships before we will recognize his provisions in our life. When Satan tempts us to doubt God's faithfulness, we need not look no further than God's grace to see the ultimate gifts of his promises.

**2 Corinthians 9: 8**,....and God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work....

Cheerful giving pleases God, the one who has saved us by his grace, and has given unto us all things to richly enjoy. What we do is a personal choice, made not from a reaction to the expectation of others, and not to receive praise and glory for ourselves, but it is a choice, made through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, a choice that will glorify God. Why then, as Christians, would we be hesitant to help others, both physically and spiritually? Mainly because there is always the fear that we will not have enough to meet our own needs. Therefore, everything that we do must be an act of our faith in Gods grace, trusting in God to meet our needs while he is working through us to help meet the needs of others. Can we afford to trust God? Yes, we can, for he has already proved himself unto us by giving his grace unto us through our faith in his Son, Jesus Christ. We should be convinced and confident that the source of our provisions will never run out, because that source is God.

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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