

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

8.4.2024

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.

A Faithful Servant in The Church

Acts 9: 36 – 43

As believers, not only are we to encourage others in, and toward a life in Christ, but we are to take interest in the physical and spiritual well being of others, for God works through those, who will by faith, submit wholly and completely unto him, those who rely upon his strength and his power, to bring about the eternal outcome which he has in store for those who love him.

1 Corinthians 2: 9,....as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him....

As believers, when problems arise in our life we access those problems in one of two ways. Either with human wisdom, or with the wisdom of God. Human wisdom is based upon how we observe things through our worldly emotions, and then we try to work things out through human logic and reasoning. The problem with human wisdom is that it has no way of accessing the wisdom of God. Now, Gods wisdom, which comes through much prayer, and through knowledge of his word, is revealed unto us by the Holy Spirit of God, which dwells within us, and we begin to understand his wisdom, by faith, when we believe and trust in him for the outcome. Without faith believing, Gods wisdom remains secret and hidden from us. Gods' wisdom was established before time as we know it began, and was revealed and made possible unto us through the sacrifice of his Son, who made it possible for all who would believe, so that we might share in his glory forever.

This was first prophesied in:

Isaiah 64: 4,....for since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him....

Human wisdom cannot bring us to the understanding of just how much God loves us, and what he has prepared for those who will believe, which is the glories of his eternity that he has prepared for us to share. We must believe by faith, for we cannot trust in God without faith.

Acts 9: 36 – 38,....a certain disciple named Tabitha....called Dorcas....full of good works and almsdeeds which she did....Lydda was nigh to Joppa....heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him....desiring....that he would....come to them....

Our active faith makes for loving service unto the Lord. How important is it for us to be active faith filled Christians? Our service unto God is the result of our believing and trusting in what God has to say unto us, for if we do not respond to what God has for us to do with active faith, then we are not demonstrating unto him that we believe what he says. Faith in God is a choice that each individual must make, we either believe in God and step out in obedient service unto him, or we portray sincere obedience but do nothing. Doubt and unbelief are the opposite of faith, and we must work to be overcomers. This we do as we learn obedience through Gods word, which is his voice of understanding unto us, obedience to that which he asks of us to do. As we learn to obey God, our faith will grow through the challenges that are given unto us to trust in him.

Matthew 9: 28 – 29,....believe ye that I am able to do this....according to your faith be it unto you....

Many Christians see the value of their faith in quantity or quality, but Christ sees the value of our faith by sincerity, and by being authentic. Having faith means having confidence and trust in the one with the power to perform the work of restoration that needs completed in our life. Faith enables, while a lack of faith is a hinderance, for the power of God does not operate in unbelief. Our salvation comes through faith, and our life in Christ comes according to our faith. God responds graciously, compassionately, and generously according to our faith, because our faith in his Son Christ is well-pleasing unto him.

Romans 10: 8,....what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is the word of faith, which we preach....

One thing that we should not do as believers is to allow the world to deceive us into believing that Gods word is hard to understand and to obey, for in doing so it is a hindrance to our faith. One of the greatest assets is our spiritual strength comes through our accessibility to the word of God. Therefore, it is not something that is distant or obscure, but rather it is close and personal to every believer. Gods word is always near, it is always encouraging and uplifting, it speaks unto us through his mercy and through his grace, it transforms lives and brings all those who believe into a saving relationship with God, for it is available to all who seek after it.

Acts 9: 39 – 43,....Peter arose....when he was come they brought him unto the upper chamber, and all the widows stood by him weeping....Peter....kneeled down, and prayed....said, Tabitha, arise....she opened her eyes....she sat up....he....called the saints....presented her alive....many believed in the Lord....

As Gods people, we are commanded to make his trust known to all of humanity. God works through those who submit wholly and completely unto him by faith. Our faithful service unto Christ begins with a heart that is devoted unto him. Therefore, we must never underestimate the influence that God has provided unto us through our life in him.

Hebrews 11: 6,....but without faith it is impossible to please him, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of those that diligently seek him....

How do we live a life by faith, a life that is pleasing unto the Lord. First of all, only a believer can please God. We please him when we accept his saving grace by faith, and we please him when we continue to live our life by faith. To often, as believers, we become careless in seeking the Lord, and we try to please God through good deeds and worldly works, and this does not please God, because we are not trusting in his word. Faith in his word pleases God, for when we live by faith in his word, we are being obedient to his word. Resting in Gods sufficient strength helps us to realize that it is all that we need. Therefore, we must be determined to live our lives in a manner that is pleasing unto God, as we willingly and earnestly seek him, and trust in his word.

2 Timothy 2: 13,....if we believe not, yet he abideth faithful, he cannot deny himself....

As believers who struggle through life, there are times that we will not remain faithful. But even though we may often time reject him, God continues to keep his promises unto us, God remains faithful even when we are not. We base our faith on the truthfulness of God's word, which is the foundation that our faith is anchored in. This is because Gods word is truth, and he will not go back on his word. God remains faithful to keep his promises unto us, for he cannot deny himself.

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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