

## *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Teaching Ministry

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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. 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.

To Him Are All Things

### **Romans 11: 33 – 36**

How many of us truly understand that the universe belongs to God, and that we are just simply living in it. Therefore, since everything came from God, we could never give him anything that he does not already have. God is the source of all things, he sustains everything that is, and all things that exist continue to come into being through him. Everything that exists, God has made for his purpose and his plan, and there is nothing that exists that does not serve his great plan and purpose. But does our knowing that God is in control of all that we are, is this enough for us to submit completely and wholly unto him, and to the obedience of his word. We must trust in God no matter what circumstances we may be facing, and then we must act faithfully while working through these circumstances, for it is by God's grace that we are enabled to succeed in all our labors, for everything exists for the glory of God.

**Colossians 1: 16 – 17,....**by him were all things created....visible and invisible....all things were created by him, and for him....and he is before all things, and by him all things consist....

Knowing Christ and maintaining a solid relationship with him is our greatest asset while living here upon this earth. There is nothing beyond the scope of Christ's dominion or power, therefore, as believers, since we died with Christ, why do we still sometimes live as though we belong to the world, submitting to the worldly ways of life.

**Colossians 2: 20,....**wherefore, if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances....

If a person really believes that Christ is the focus of their life, then why would we continue to obsess over worldly thinking and deceptive arguments. It is only through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit that we can learn the difference between our self-centered efforts, versus our Christlike dependence upon God.

The reason for this is that we are all accredited with a sinful nature, which is inherited from Adam, and the word of God states that the wage of this sinfulness is death.

**Romans 6: 23,....**for the wages of sin is death....

But as Christians we are also instructed not to use this as an occasion to sin.

**Galatians 5: 13,....**brethren, ye have been called unto liberty, only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh....

Now let me explain, as believers, we do not understand the freedom that we now have in Christ Jesus, and it is for this reason that we revert back, as if we were born under, and living under the law, and not by grace. When as believers we sin, instead of confessing those sins unto God so that we might be cleansed from our unrighteousness, through our own self-righteousness we try to justify those sins through the flesh, by trying to make a mend on our own instead of believing that Christ has already paid our sin debt in full. The word of God points the finger at our old sin nature, which causes us to recognize and identify our sin, but it is insufficient to save us or to restore us into the righteousness of Christ. Having been saved through our faith in Christ, all of our sins, past, present, and future are forgiven, therefore, we are to put away our old former ways, and we are to live by faith, and we are to walk in the spirit and the truth of the righteousness of Christ. But sadly, often time, we abuse this wonderful freedom that we have in Christ while we are living in this period of grace, and we seek to turn our freedom in Christ into an opportunity to indulge in the sinful desires of our flesh. Therefore, daily, we must strive to live for Christ.

**Romans 11: 33 – 36,....**O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements, and his ways past finding out....for who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been his counselor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed again? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

All of humanity has lived in disobedience to God, but there is always a way of escape. God will show his mercy to everyone who will respond, by faith, to Christ. But first we must realize that we do not have the capacity to understand his choices for our life, or his thoughts toward our life, or his ways in our life, for his decisions are beyond our worldly capabilities. So, what does this leave us with, all we must do is to simply yield unto him through the depths of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God.

If we will allow, then the glory of God will expose the corruptness in our life. Since God is rich in goodness, in grace, in mercy, in love, in wisdom, in knowledge, and in power, we too have been made rich in all things, for he has bestowed upon us, as believers, the riches of his grace, through his Son, Christ Jesus. Gods' wisdom and knowledge are unmatched and unsearchable. Now what does this mean, this means that the vastness of his knowledge is not to our worldly understanding, and its mysteries can only be understood as he regards as necessary for us.

**1 Corinthians 2: 16,....**for who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him....

Now, this is a question that we ask ourselves, but as believers we already know the answer. Who understands the mind of the Lord, no human can teach God anything, even though at times we try. But, because as believers, we have the mind of Christ, we are aided by the Holy Spirit of God, and given access so that we may see that which is eternal, so that Gods desires might be our desires, and his way our way.

**Isaiah 55: 8 – 9,....**my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways....are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts....

This question, which was first given unto the prophet Isaiah when God was speaking through him to the children of Israel, was to help all mankind see their limitations of trying to do for themselves, so that we might turn to the unlimited wisdom and knowledge of God, which can only come unto us through the saving grace of Jesus Christ, so that these amazing privileges of God might be revealed by grace, to all who believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Romans 11: 36**,....for of him, and through him, and to him, are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

Christ was sent, so as to reveal unto us the Father, and to show us the way to an eternal life with him.

**John 14: 6**,....Jesus saith un to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me....

Christ not only came to reveal the character of God, but also to reveal unto us the truth of his word, which is the gospel of Christ, and the eternal hope that we have through him. Everything that God is about, is the redemption of mankind, to teach us to be holy, and to guide us into all truth. When we submit our life wholly unto him, the Holy Spirit will instruct us, it will correct us, and it will lead us and guide us into all truth, through our obedience to Gods word. Therefore, as Christians, we must walk the same pathway that Christ walked, with a humble mind, and a teachable disposition, so that as we abide in him and he in us, we might understand that to him are all things.

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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