

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 unto you that which he would have you to see through the study of God's word to share.

You Are Not Your Own

1 Corinthians 6: 19

We are not our own, we belong to God, for as believers, God gives unto us a very different set of values than what the world promotes. This is because the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer, to help us with our daily decisions and moral judgements, so that in all that we do we might remember that we belong to God, so that all things in our life might become a spiritual reality. As believers, we are created and redeemed so that we might live for the glory of God, and we exist to do the things that God has intended for us to do. All that we are and all that we have belongs to God, and it is through our obedience and faithfulness unto him that we show unto him our thankfulness for his mercy and his grace for all of humanity.

Romans 14: 8,....for whether we live, we live unto the Lord, and whether we die, we die unto the Lord, whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lords....

Now, there are times that we might feel inadequate in our life in Christ, but we must never let that stop us from following after our faith, trusting completely in obedience to God and his word, and stepping out in our willingness to serve him. This means that whatever we do, and in whatever we think, or in whatever decisions that we make, we still belong to God. Therefore, even in those times of loneliness, and restlessness, when we are experiencing feelings of emptiness, with desperation and despair, instead of turning to those things that the world has to offer, those things which cannot satisfy the emptiness in our life, we must trust in God with our whole heart. Now, the unbeliever cannot see that he owes his life to Christ, but for those who profess to be living a life in Christ, we should know better, but sadly many do not, for we get so busy in our life in the world that we fail to remember that we no longer belong to ourselves, but that we were bought with a price, and we now belong to Christ.

1 Corinthians 6: 19 – 20,....what, know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?....for ye are bought with a price, therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are Gods....

Now, as believers, we are no longer bound by Satan and the sinfulness of this world, for Christ redeemed us from our slavery to sin at the time in which God took complete ownership of our life through the righteousness of his Son Christ. Therefore, since we were bought with a price, we now dedicate our whole body and soul to the service of God so that we might glorify him. Now, everyday we must choose to settle the issue of ownership in our life, for daily, we will struggle with worldly sinfulness while choosing purpose in our life.

As believers, Christ has set us free from the bondage of sin by redeeming us for his own possession. We still have free will, but ownership of our life was transferred from sin and death to life eternal with God.

Colossians 1: 19 – 22,....for it pleased the Father that in him (Christ) should all fulness dwell....by him to reconcile all things unto himself....yet now hath he reconciled....to present you holy and unblameable, and unproveable in is sight....

All who are saved by grace, through faith in Christ have his righteous calling on their life, and as members of his body, we are being built up into a spiritual house, a people for Gods own possession, so that we might offer up spiritual sacrifices unto Christ, which are holy and acceptable unto him.

1 Peter 2: 5,....ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ....

Every believer is reminded through Gods word, that even in the body of Christ, as individuals, our bodies are a temple of the Holy Spirit, for at the moment of our salvation he became a permanent part of us, therefore, we are called to honor and to glorify God in worship, and in service unto him, and not to become once again slaves of the flesh, caught up in the desires thereof. We should never take the privilege of our life in Christ lightly, for this gift, that we have from God, is our service unto him, which is our ministry unto others.

Galatians 5: 1,....standfast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage....

Before Christ, we sought to gratify and to justify our own decisions so that we might live for ourselves. But, when we trusted in Christ, our life completely changed, and now we can live according to Gods purpose and plan for our life, loving God and loving one another through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Romans 6: 16,....know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey, whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?....

In our life in Christ, we are in an ongoing battle to serve the right master. If you do not think that your choices matter, then think of it this way, sin leads to spiritual death, so when we choose the world, we are contributing to our own spiritual death. On the other hand, obedience leads to righteousness in Christ, therefore, obedience to God and to his word leads us into our life eternal with God. Everyone has the freewill to choose from one of the two pathways that God has purposed into existence since the beginning of time. Therefore, there are no other options to choose from, for we cannot ride the fence between worldly sinfulness and Christlike righteousness. We either walk with God or we walk in the world, and these principles are absolute. There is no alternative course of action outside of that which God has established. We must learn to glorify God by submitting our lives to the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we must be willing servants of Christ, growing in grace, and growing in the spiritual maturity of the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of God.

Titus 2: 11 – 14,....for the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared unto all men....teaching us that, denying ungodliness, we should live....righteously....in this present world, looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of....our savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works....

Grace is not just Gods unlimited kindness and favor that is poured out abundantly on those who do not deserve it, it is also Gods immeasurable mercy which does not give unto us the punishment that we truly deserve. Christ transforms us by his sanctifying grace, and by our obedience to his word, and one day we will be like him, for we shall see him as he is. So, how do we live our lives in this manner, we do so by allowing the grace of God to work in us and through us, this empowers us to live Godly lives. We need Gods grace to teach us, to mold us, to direct us, to empower us, and to enable us to understand that we are not our own, for we are bought with a price, therefore, let us glorify God, for we belong to him.

Philippians 3: 13,....this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before....

As being born again, and in every sense, we belong to Christ, body, soul, and spirit, for we are not our own, therefore, let us glorify God in all that we do.

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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