

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.

Spiritual Senses

1 John 1: 1 – 10

Look, listen, taste, touch, and smell. God created mankind with five physical senses, and the purpose was so that these natural senses could help us to become aware of the worldly surroundings that are taking place around us, and so that we might use these abilities, through our faith in his Son Christ Jesus to heighten our spiritual maturity in him. These senses are very important, for they help us to receive principal information, and then transfer this most valuable information into a form of Godliness, so that it can be used to benefit our own life in Christ, to benefit others in the body of Christ, and to glorify God. Now, a great part of glorifying God, is becoming aware of God's presence in our life in this present time in which we live. It is also a good way to develop and pursue a mindfulness in Christ, so that we might pay attention when he speaks unto us through what we see, hear, smell, touch, and taste. It is at this moment, that as Christians, we will experience the proof of Gods creative goodness within us, and it is our spiritual senses that will bring the work of the body and the soul together, so that we might allow Gods love to become known unto us, within us, and through us.

Psalm 34: 8,....O taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the man that trusteth in him....

To truly know God, we must absorb the message of the truth of his word into our very being. We are instructed to meditate on his word, day and night, for once we began to recognize how it is that God sustains us in our life, it is then that we will begin to cry out unto the Lord for our deliverance. The word of God encourages the believer to discover the goodness of God, and to experience it for themselves. Therefore, since we live in a natural body, we associate, through the senses that God has bestowed upon all mankind, we associate those things which are pleasurable as being things of satisfaction in our life. Now, true satisfaction can only come from God, and it is these experiences that bring unto us spiritual enlightenment and understanding.

Joshua 1: 8,....the book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night....

Knowing the value of God's word means that if we truly believe in his word, then we will act upon it. We will ponder it in our hearts, and it will be on our lips to our obedience, so that we might observe all that God has provided unto us, so that we might prosper and succeed according to his purpose and his plan for our life, and not just for our benefit, but also for his glory. It is very important that we not just know the word of God, but that we also trust in the word of God, and that we apply the word of God to every circumstance in our life. We should spiritually see, hear, taste, smell, and touch inwardly the word of God in our hearts, and in our minds, by faith, with thanksgiving.

1 John 1: 1 – 10,....that which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled of the word of life....

As believers, God has gifted our new spiritual life in Christ with the same senses of perception that we have in our natural life, the difference is that now in our life in Christ, our senses of spiritual perception are now therefore used for the purpose of recognizing the fullness of God, for God longs for us to know him.

John 17: 3,....and this is eternal life, that they might know the only true God, and Jesus Christ....

As we come to know God through the spiritual senses of our heart, our desire for him grows within us through our faith and trust in him. Therefore, our relationship with him grows stronger day by day.

All believers are aware of what they can perceive with their physical senses, but most are unaware that they have ever had spiritual senses. Everything created was created to point us to God, so that we might have eternal life with him. Discovering our spiritual senses is the key to awakening the process of transformation between our natural life, and our spiritual life in Christ.

Psalm 19: 1 – 9,....the heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth his handywork....day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge....the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul....the statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart, the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eye....the fear of the Lord is clean....the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous....

As believers, we live our lives day after day trusting in complete confidence that God will hold our world together. The truth is, we must be obedient and dependent upon Christ for everything. Our lives are in his hands, and we live because he gives unto us life.

Romans 1: 20,....for the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even the eternal power and God head, so that they are without excuse....

God has put his invisible qualities, his eternal power, and his divine nature on display for us daily, to reveal unto us through our spiritual senses, that which reminds us of his presence, which he has personally designed for every individual. Therefore, he wants us to know him daily, on a deeper level.

1 John 1: 2 – 10,....life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you eternal life....that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you....these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full....this then is the message....God is light, and in him is no darkness....if we walk in the light....the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin....if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness....

As believers, God has given unto us his spiritual senses so that we might use them for the purpose of coming to know him, and to have a greater relationship with him. These senses help us to discern the difference between good and evil, so that we might know to refuse the evil and choose the good, for choosing the good strengthens us in our spiritual maturity, which is required for us to understand the deep things of God.

Isaiah 7: 15,....butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil and choose the good....

Isaiah prophesied this of Christ himself, who by example, would have us to understand, that if we are not willing to go through the process of withstanding the veil, then we will never be able to overcome circumstance is our life so that we might enjoy the good.

Daniel 2: 22,....he revealeth the deep and secret things, he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth in him....

Nothing is hidden from God, not even the things that are covered up by mankind. By relying upon the power of God, through our spiritual senses, God will reveal, and explain unto us the things that we need to know. This information, that is now transformed into a form of Godliness, God will now use to give unto us the light of the knowledge of his word for his glory in the face of his Son Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 4: 6,....for God, who hath commanded the light to shine in darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ....

Let us therefore come to understand the importance of spiritually looking, listening, tasting, touching, and smelling, so that the understanding of God's word might help us to grow in our relationship with him, in conjunction with the body of Christ.

Let us Pray.

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