

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Adult Sunday School Lesson

9.22.2024

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.

Daniel Prophesies the Son of God

## Daniel 7: 9 – 14

As believers, it is our works that verify our faith, and this is necessary for us to be of service unto God. Now, we all know that the gospel teaches us that God's grace comes through faith, and not by the works that we do, therefore, it comes through faith believing in his Son Christ Jesus. So, what does it mean to be saved by believing upon Christ? Now, there is a difference between just simply agreeing to what the bible says, and actually doing something to support that belief, for wisdom and knowledge alone is not trust. Salvation does not come when a person just simply agrees to the facts of the crucifixion and resurrection, for claiming something does not make the claim true. Saying that we believe without doing anything to support that belief shows that we do not actually believe what we have claimed. Salvation, which is our saving faith in Christ, is active, and shows transformation to our life in Christ. Salvation is all about placing our trust in Christ, it is a transformation that helps us to begin to make the changes that alter the direction of our life, and it will always result in the believer's good works in service unto God, all to the glory of God. This does not mean that salvation is consistent with good works, for we are saved by faith believing in Christ alone, but it does mean that the faith that saves us will produce good works, and it is our lack of faith that will prove our lack of saving faith.

**Ephesians 2: 8 – 9,....**for by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God....not of works, lest any man should boast....

**James 2: 17 – 20,....**even so faith, if it hath not good works, is dead, being alone....shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works....but wilt thou know....that faith without works is dead....

It is important that we should understand that all mankind is equal in the sight of God, therefore, we all must adhere to the same commandment of God concerning eternal life, which is:

**John 3: 3, 7,....**except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God....ye must be born again....

Every believer must grow in their spiritual maturity so that we might understand that our faith is a living faith, it is a faith that demonstrates itself, a faith that honors God, and a faith that portrays true Christian characteristics. This means that the believer's faith must be accompanied by acts of kindness, which bring forth good deeds and works, which must be the identifying mark of every believer. Now, although a lack of good works might demonstrate dead faith, it does not mean that we have lost our salvation, but it does mean that there will be a loss of rewards in Christ. God has prepared good works for each believer to carry out, and these works will be rewarded when carried out and fulfilled through his strength and his power. Therefore, may we as believers live by faith and carry out Gods good works, so that we might demonstrate our living faith to the glory of God.

**Daniel 7: 9,....**I beheld....the ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool, his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire....thousand, thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him, the judgement was set, and the books were opened....I beheld....the beast was slain....his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame....the rest....had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season of time....I saw....one like the Son of Man....came....of heaven....to the ancient of days....and there was given him a domain, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people....should serve him....his dominion is....everlasting....which shall not pass away, and his kingdom....shall not be destroyed....

The word of God clearly states that the Son of Man is not only our greatest hope, but he is our only hope, and he is our final hope. This means that all people and nations will one day acknowledge him, for his kingdom will never pass away.

**Romans 14: 11,....**for it is written, as I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God....

**Philippians 2: 9 – 11,....**God also hath highly exalted him....that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow....and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father....

**Isaiah 45: 22 – 23,....**look unto me and be ye saved....for I am God, and there is none else....the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear....

For the believer, we should already see Christ reigning in our lives, and in the body of Christ, which is the church, and then one day we will see him reign in his fulness over all things. Now, this does not mean that we do not have spiritual responsibilities, for our responsibilities in Christ become greater and greater day by day, but it does mean that his assessment of our works is endless. We must remember, as believers, that just because Christ became the greatest example of a humble servant, being born upon this earth in humility, living in obedience to the Father, and being crucified upon a cross, does not mean that he is not highly exalted, for God the Father has highly exalted him. Yes, Gods divine Son became the Son of man for all of humanity, and he set aside his eternal glories so as to be clothed in humility that he might suffer and be put to death, all for the very reason that God raised him up and honored him above all things.

**Ephesians 1: 20 – 23,....**he wrought in Christ, when he raised him up....far above all principalities, and power, and might, and domain....and hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is the body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all....

Christ is the very essence of God, and being in the likeness of God his desire was to fulfill the Fathers will and to redeem the human race that had rebelled against him. Only Christ, who lived a perfect sinless life, and gave that life willingly for the ransom price of sin in this world, only he could fulfill the righteous requirements of Gods law. Therefore, he alone is equal to God, and as a believer, whose life is in Christ, we should be a reflection of him, as we share in his suffering, and live in the newness of his life.

**2 Corinthians 5: 20 – 21,....**now then we are ambassadors for Christ....be ye reconciled to God....for he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him....

God, out of his great love for mankind, made it possible to remove the separation between us and him, and to accomplish this he gave his only begotten Son, who had never sinned, so that he might become our sin, and bestow upon all who would by faith believing upon him, give unto them his righteousness. This great gift of grace, which we receive through our faith in Christ, is payment for our sinfulness, and gives unto us credit for Christs righteousness in return, surely there is no more of a profound mystery than this. What wonderful, amazing grace, what sincere wisdom, what depth of love, what a testimony to the saving grace of God, which comes through Christ Jesus.

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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