

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

12.8.2024

Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses

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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.

God Sends His Servant to Suffer for Us

Isaiah 53: 4 – 6, 10 – 12

All of mankind willfully disobeys God, and while we deserve to be chastened by God for our sins, Christ, took our place and suffered the punishment that we rightfully deserved. Therefore, we sin by choice, and it is only through the knowledge of Gods word, and by the righteousness of Christ that many can be justified, for Christ identified himself with us when we were sinners by dying for us.

Romans 5: 8,....while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us....

Therefore, since we have by faith believing accepted the saving grace of Jesus Christ, we are no longer sinners, therefore, I can say I am a believer because I have been saved by the grace of God, by the redeeming blood of Christ Jesus. Now, even though I am a believer saved by grace I still possess the inheritance that I have received form Adam, therefore, I sin, but this does not once again bestow upon me the title of a sinner, because for Christ's sake, God no longer counts my sin against me. Therefore, it is impossible to be saved by grace and still be a sinner. This type of reasoning comes for being a hearer of the word only and not a doer, meaning that we listen to the word that is preached, but we do not search the scriptures for ourselves so that God might give unto us understanding of the wisdom and knowledge that we have acquired.

2 Corinthians 5: 17 – 21,....therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature....to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them....for he hath made him to be sin for us....that we might be made the righteousness of God in him....

James 1: 22 – 25,....but be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves....and straightway forgetteh what manner of man he was.....

Acts 17: 11,....they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so....

The truth of the word of God is such, that in no way does it justify a person remaining in sin once by faith believing they have accepted the saving grace of God, which came through the sacrifice of His Son, Christ Jesus.

Isaiah 53: 4 – 6,....surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows, yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted....he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed....we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned everyone to his own way, and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all....

Christ, the Son of God, came to reclaim the sinner from being eternally lost, and to provide a way for mankind to come back into fellowship with God the Father. This event is the single most amazingly miraculous occurrence that has ever taken place in time, for by it was the way of salvation opened up for all who will by faith, believe upon the name of the only begotten Son of God. But, in order to do this, Christ had to stand and be falsely accused, and he also had to be unjustly condemned to death on the cross, but not before he was rejected and ridiculed, receiving the fulness of Gods wrath, on our behalf, against the sinfulness of all mankind, so that by his sacrificial death, and through his glorious resurrection, we might be made the righteousness of God, through his suffering.

Romans 5: 12 – 21,....as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned....nevertheless death reigned....but not as the offense, so also is the free gift....for is through the offense....many be dead, much more the grace of God....by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded many....therefore as by the offense of one judgement came upon all men to condemnation, even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life....by one mans disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous....sin reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord....

Adams actions was that of disobedience unto God, whereas Christ actions was one of obedience unto God. Adams actions of disobedience brought forth eternal death unto all mankind. Christ actions of obedience brought forth physical death unto himself, but even though his obedience included his own physical death, which came through many sufferings, and it also returned unto all, who will by faith, believe in him, it returned unto them their eternal life with God. Therefore, it was the obedience of Christ that ensured that many could be made righteous through their faith in him. Therefore, we are not sinners because we sin, we sin because we are sinners, and we are sinners because of the inheritance which we received from Adam. Now, one might argue that Adam became a sinner because he sinned, but Adam became a sinner the moment that he displayed his disobedient to Gods word, and because of his disobedience, he sinned.

James 1: 14 – 15,....every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed....then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin, and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death....

So where do we begin in our life in Christ so that we might overcome this worldly inheritance.

2 Corinthians 10: 5,....casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of God....

Deception leads to wrongful worldly thinking, and worldly thinking leads to disobedience to God. The more that we have the mind of Christ, the greater our focus will be on our obedience to him, which means less influence from the world, and more impact in our life in Christ from the leadership and the guidance of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Our concern should be to bring our heart and our thoughts in line with the word of God, and to place every thought under the authority of Christ, and in obedience unto him. Our spiritual strength and maturity lie in identifying and eliminating those thoughts that have anything to do with putting anything worldly in place of Christ in our life. The more that we focus on God and on his word, the less that we will focus upon ourselves, and the pettiness of our life in this world, therefore, God gives unto us the ability do this so that we might accomplish in our life his Son Christ as our all in all.

Philippians 1: 6,....being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ....

Even though our salvation was instantaneous from the moment, that by faith, we believed upon the Lord Jesus Christ, our life in Christ is a process, and will continue to be so until the time that as believers we meet Christ face to face. Every man that is born of the spirit is continually being conformed into the image of Christ, for Gods desire for reach one of his children is to be changed from one state of glory to the next. This means that the work that needs to be carried out in the life of every believer is a work of God and not of oneself. God alone started the work, God alone will continue the work, and God alone will finish the work, because the work of salvation belongs to God himself. Therefore, we are assured that the work of grace in each one of us as believers, we are assured that God will bring it to completion, all to his glory. So, what is our part in all of this, God can only carry out the good works that he has prepared for us to do only if we are submitted wholly and completely unto him. This means that God sent his servant to suffer for us so that we might present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto him, so that we might achieve spiritual maturity in our life in Christ in this world so that in the world to come we might t have everlasting and eternal life with him.

Let us Pray.

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