

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

12.22.2024

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.

Gods Messiah Is Born

Matthew 1: 18 – 25

For us as believers to become sure of Gods will in our life, means trusting in his ability to take care of all things, by supplying unto us the spiritual guidance needed to enable us to fulfill his will, as he makes it known unto us. Our understanding of Gods will in our life is equivalent to our obedience unto his word. Therefore, knowing what God wants, begins with our preparation to hear from him through the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of his word.

Psalm 32: 8,.... I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye....

As believers, we will be held accountable for our disobedience to Gods will, therefore, it would be better to suffer in Gods will than to succeed out of his will.

James 4: 17,....therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin....

Now, one thing that we must be cautious about in our life in Christ, is that we should not confuse our overinterpretation of an emotional worldly experience, with the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, for this confusion could lead to an extended period of time and confusion in our life.

John 7: 17,....if any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself....

Therefore, we must prayerfully meditate on the word of God while asking him what to do concerning the situations and circumstances in our life. The more time we spend in our relationship with God, the greater we will know him, and the greater that we know him, the more sensitive we are to the leading of his spirit. By doing so, we can put a stop to the anxious, fearful, frustrated, worldly, emotional thoughts, by faithfully trusting in God, and in his word, for in doing so, we are assured that he will show unto us exactly what to do at just the right time.

John 6: 40,....and this is the will of him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life, and I will raise him up at the last day....

Gods will for us begins with salvation and continues with our eternal purpose in Christ. Yes, in our life in Christ, we will struggle with our faith and trust in him, and we will often time become disobedient to his word, but the Lord knows this and therefore planned for our disobedience. His plan, which is eternal, is to keep us united in him, through the convicting power of the Holy Spirit, who brings unto us the opportunity to confess our sins unto God, with the assurance of forgiveness.

Matthew 1: 18 – 21,....the birth of Christ was on the wise....Mary....was found with child of the Holy Ghost....Joseph....not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily....the angel of the Lord appeared....saying....fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost....she shall bring forth a Son....thou shalt call his name Jesus....he shall save his people from their sins....

How we react in any given condition in our life is determined by the outcome of our experience when we are being directed by God, regarding the circumstances of our life, that we feel to be legitimate concerns about our situations. Therefore, instead of reacting with self-righteous worldly emotion, our reaction should be one moral uprightness, which is instilled within us by the spirit of God and shows forth in the way of our spiritual maturity, which is the result of faithful prayer, and obedience to the word of God.

Colossians 1: 9 – 17,....for this cause....do not cease to pray for you....to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, that ye might walk worthy of the lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God....

In our life in Christ, our actions must match what we profess to believe, therefore, if we say that we believe and trust in God, then we must live a life that follows our profession of faith. Following after the knowledge of God, involves learning the truth of the gospel of Christ, which includes learning how to practically apply that knowledge to every situation and circumstance in our life. In doing so, we might walk in a manner worthy of the lord and living a life that glorifies God. As believers, we glorify God when we desire to understand who he is, what he does, what he purposes for us in our life, and by doing what he commands us to do. If we are not growing in our faith, in our trust, and in our wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of God, then we are not walking according to his expectation, therefore, we cannot be pleasing unto him.

Matthew 1: 22 – 25,....that it might be fulfilled....sworn of the Lord by the prophet....a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son....shall call his name Emanuel....then joseph....took unto him his wife, and knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son, and he called his name Jesus....

Isaiah 7: 14,....the lord himself shall give you a sign, behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emanuel....

Often time, the birth of Christ becomes just another sentimental celebration in the body of Christ, when what we really should be doing is allowing the Holy Spirit to help us to see the vastness of a plan and a purpose that was laid before the foundation of the world, when in a moment in time God stepped out of eternity and was made flesh in order to humble himself by living a life of rejection, suffering, and pain, being condemned to death by execution on a cross, so that a fallen human race could be brought back into full fellowship with him, and we can only understand this when, through prayer, we meditate on the reality of God's word, with the assurance, that all that God has promised will be fulfilled in us in his due time.

2 Corinthians 1: 20,....for all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him amen, unto the glory of God by us....

As willing believers, it is our responsibility to be an example unto others that God is steadfast, he is sure, and his promises cannot be altered by worldly situations and circumstances. He is faithful, he is trustworthy, and reliable, and we are to proclaim that his promises are true, and that his word stands sure and forever. Therefore, we should believe Gods word in our hearts, and we should experience the goodness of his grace, and mercy, and love in our lives, for the promises of God's word will never fail. Therefore, we should take him into our life, so that we will not conform to the sinfulness of the world.

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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