

Mt. Lebanon Church

Adult Sunday School Lesson

12.29.2024

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.

Salvation Prepared for All People

Luke 2: 25 – 38

Many profess the saving grace of Jesus Christ, but not all who profess Christ have truly seen, nor have they experienced the salvation of God. This is because, when we receive salvation, and God delivers us, and transforms us into a new life with his Son Christ, our troubles do not end, for Satan will do his best to keep us bound by worldly fear. So, exactly how do we learn to experience the salvation of God, it begins when we adhere to the obedience of Gods call on our life, the call to do his good works. Now, even though God provides for us, and takes care of us, we must still fulfill our part. God created us to be in a relationship with him, and to do this, we must work alongside of him, and we must communicate with him, and we must be obedient to the promises and commandments of his word. Yes, our life is going to be full of struggles, but God wants us to stop trying to control everything on our own, and allow him to assume control of our life, for only God can do that which is impossible for man to do. When we give up the desire to control our own life, it is then that we are free to do what God has called unto us to do.

The assurance of our salvation is simply stated in the word of God. The problem is that many believers look for the assurance of their salvation in all the wrong places. Often time, we tend to look for our assurance through the good works of our everyday life, when in fact, we should be looking for it based upon the promises of the truth of God's word, and not on the experiences which we encounter.

1 John 5: 11 – 13,....and this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and the life is in the Son....he that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life....these things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God, that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe in the name of the Son of God....

God does not want us to live our life as believers wondering or worrying each day about whether or not we will have an eternal future with him. This is why his assurance is so simple and clear. Trusting in his assurance means having freedom from worldly doubt. Eternal life with God is just that, it is eternal, and no one, or nothing can take our God given gift of salvation, which comes through Christ Jesus, away from us. We can live confidently, knowing that our salvation will not be in question, for it is based upon that which God has provided for us through his Son, Christ Jesus.

Luke 2: 25 – 32,....there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon....the same man was just and devout....and the Holy Ghost was upon him....it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord Christ....when the parents brought in the child Jesus....then took he him up....and blessed God and said....lestest....thy servant depart in peace....for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people....a light to....the gentiles, and the glory of....Israel....

It is man's desire to live forever, but this desire is limited to our mortal, temporary life on earth. Yes, man is going to live eternally, and based upon the choices which we make, these choices will determine the destination of our eternal life. Failure to accept the free gift, which God has made available unto us, will result in losing out, both, on our eternal life with him, and also in living out our best life here on earth in Christ Jesus. Nothing on this earth is more valuable than life, for without life we will not experience anything good or bad. Therefore, nothing could be more valuable than living life forever, while living with the one who gave it unto us. In having this confidence, we will be much more willing to make sacrifices in order to improve our spiritual life in Christ, and to share that life with those around us. The most valuable hope that we can have is the hope of living forever, for this is our hope of eternal life in Christ.

Romans 1: 16 – 17,....I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth....for therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith....the just shall live by faith....

Even though salvation is prepared for all people, no man has the ability to save himself. God alone has the power to redeem the sinner through the saving grace of the gospel of his Son Christ. For there is no other name given among men whereby we must be saved.

Acts 4:12,....neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved....

God declares us to be righteous in his eyes because of our faith in his Son, Christ Jesus, this is because Gods righteous judgement on sin was secured at the cross when Christ purchased the forgiveness of sin for all who will believe. Therefore, it is only through faith, that a righteous person has life, and without the power of the gospel of Christ there can be no salvation, there can be no freedom from sin, there can be no redemption, no justification, and no life. Our righteousness is a complete and total work of God, for there is nothing that we can do to deserve, or to earn it. Salvation comes from Gods faithfulness, in reaction to our faith, therefore salvation is accomplished through Gods faithfulness, which comes first and foremost, and then by faith, in response to his love for us. We must trust God from start to finish and rely upon his power through the gospel of his word, to change not only our lives, but also the lives of many throughout the world.

Luke 2: 33 – 38,....Joseph and his mother marveled at those things which were spoken....Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary....behold this child is set for the fall and rising....of many....and for a sign which shall be spoken against....a sword shall pierce through thine own soul, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed....there was....Anna....a prophetess....had lived with an husband seven years....she....departed not from the temple, but served God with fasting's and prayers night and day....she gave thanks....unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption....

Even in our time today, many within the body of Christ stumble in response to the gospel of Christ. This is because the gospel reveals unto each one whether or not there is sincerity in seeking after the will of God. Everyone will experience Christ, but those who do not believe in him, and those who refuse to pour out their faith in him, because of their disobedience, they will stumble over him. To disobey the word of God, means to refuse to believe in Christ Jesus. Christ, to those who believe, is the way to God, but to those who disobey, he is the obstacle that prevents us from reaching God. Each one is responsible for their own destiny.

1 Timothy 1: 15,....this is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners....

As we believe in our hearts by faith, it is then that we take hold of the amazing truth of Gods word, and that truth is, that Christ came into the world to save all of mankind, therefore, when we realize this greatness of the truth of Gods word, it is then that we can admit to our sinfulness, and so we must. When we consider the price that Christ paid to come into this world, and save mankind from their sin, through faith, we will understand that the forgiveness that we have received, we have received by God's grace, therefore, we have devoted our life in Christ, to telling others, that salvation was prepared for all people.

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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