

# *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 to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word to share.

Walk In Newness of Life

## Romans 6: 4

Christ within us changes everything! Having the ability to make this statement changes our entire perspective on life, for instead of worrying about the short lived, temporary concerns of the world, we are focusing on the characteristics of God. These characteristics have eternal significance, so that we might know how to live in accordance with the new life that God has given unto us in Christ. Knowing Christ is the most exciting relationship that we can have, because our relationship with him is based upon the facts of the promises of God's word, and not on our worldly, emotional feelings, which change daily. Therefore, we live by faith, which is critical to our spiritual growth in Christ. Gods purpose for mankind was always intended to be one of fellowship with him, but because of mans disobedience, that fellowship with God was broken. But there is hope, for by being born again, we can be brought into a new relationship with God through the sacrifice of his Son, Christ Jesus. Making the choice to accept Christ, means that we have established a new life in him, and we have accepted the responsibility to walk in his newness of life.

**2 Corinthians 5: 17,....**therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new....

Now, as believers, the new has come, the old is gone, and the old is no longer recoverable, which means that all our old dreams, our old ideas, our old agendas, and our old purposes have ceased to exist, and have been replaced by Gods purpose, plan, and will in our life, for we are entirely new creatures. Now that we have entered into this new life in Christ, we are identified with him, and we are united together in him. We have received the indwelling Holy Spirit, which will lead us and guide us into all truth, and he has given unto us the ability to walk in him, by boldly proclaiming Christ and him crucified. This new life is an abundant life, given unto us as a free, and as an eternal gift of Gods grace, therefore, we are to live out our earthly life, living in Christ, and living for Christ.

**Romans 6: 4,....**therefore we are buried with him by baptism unto death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life....

So exactly what happens when we trust in Gods redeeming plan of salvation, which comes unto us by his Son, Christ Jesus. Here is what happens, by faith, we have been baptized into Christ, and through this baptism we have been given the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit, and by him, we have become so closely identified with God, that he has now given unto us credit for Christ righteousness, for God has accepted the sacrifice of Christ death as payment for our sins, and all of this was done, so that we might have the ability to experience for the first time in our lives the spiritual blessings of Gods love, which enables us to walk in his presence. Therefore, a transformation has taken place, and we no longer remain the same as we were before, and now that we have come to life for the very first time, God means for us to participate in our new life in Christ, in a meaningful and glorious way.

**Ephesians 4: 22 – 24,....**put off concerning the former conversation of the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts....and be renewed in the spirit of your mind....that we put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness....

Making a change in our old life is impossible without Christ, but our new life is a life which grows to become more like Christ, for Christ is righteous, and expects his followers to seek to do what is right and pleasing unto him, for God is the standard of righteousness, and we are called to live for him, and in his righteousness. As we live for his righteousness, we reveal the Holy Spirit that is within us, therefore we remain an example of the evidence of the work that God is doing in our life.

**Galatians 5: 16, 25,....**this I say then, walk in the spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh....if we live in the spirit, let us also walk in the spirit....

The truth of God's word applies to all believers, without exception, and we must learn how to live in this manner. To walk in our newness of life, Christ requires our willingness to submit unto the authority of his word, and to also commit in our obedience to his corrections, wholly and completely depending upon him. Through the resurrected life of Christ, we have been given the ability to walk in the spirit, so that we will not submit to the desires of our old, sinful nature, for it is by the spirit of God that we are enabled to live as God has intended for us to live, by walking in newness of life.

**Romans 8: 1 – 4,...**there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit....for the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made ne free from the law of sin and death....for what the law could not do....God sending his Son in the likeness of sinful flesh....condemned sin in the flesh....that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit....

We have all sinned, and we are all condemned to an eternal death, so to change this, God sent his Son, to receive for all of mankind, the punishment of his condemnation of death for sin once and for all, so that those, who by faith believing in him, might have eternal life. Even though this was for all of mankind, Christ death for sin was personal, for our personal sin debt has been paid for by Christ personal death. Therefore, as believers, we walk and live by the spirit, for all of the life that is in us comes from God, through his spirit. This means that those who are in Christ remain permanently righteous before God, because God has given unto us the righteousness of his Son Christ, and his righteousness seals us.

**1 Peter 2: 24,....**who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness by whose stripes ye were healed....

In order to walk in newness of life, we are to carefully choose the pathway that we are going to walk, and we do so, based upon our trust in God. As believers, we are not only set free from the bondage of our own sinfulness, but we are also set free from the power of the sinfulness that tries to persuade us while making choices in our life. As believers, we do not have to sin, for we are free in our salvation to make the right choices that are not only pleasing unto God, but those choices which also glorify God.

**2 Corinthians 5: 21,....**for he hath made him sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him....

What can anyone give in exchange for his soul. Mankind lives their lives for many reasons, such as happiness, earthly pleasure and wealth, and worldly relationships, but all of these things cannot compare to a relationship with God. As believers, we have been saved from sin and death, and we are called to live in the righteousness of Christ, and in doing so, we look forward to an eternal life with God. Therefore, by trusting in Christ, we have been freed from the consequences of sin, and from the power of the sinfulness which dictates the direction of our life. We do not have to live in sin, instead we can live in the righteousness of God, because we are called to live in his righteousness. Living in his righteousness means that we finally realize that our sin does not please God, and because of this, we pursue after godliness, by revealing the presence of the Holy Spirit within us, through the evidence of the work that God is doing in our life. We willingly spend time in God's word and in prayer, because we want our actions, and the entirety of our lives, to be molded in Christ alone, which comes through walking in our newness of life in God.

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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