

# *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.

Completeness In Christ

## Colossians 2: 6 – 10

The church today is being confronted with the doctrines and philosophies of the world, and in return is being led to believe that there cannot be a completeness in Christ through the word of God, for the teachings of the world are teachings based upon religious philosophies and traditions, and they are using these philosophies and traditions to persuade believers into a life of false doctrines which keeps us from becoming secure in our salvation. Now, on the other hand, if we stand firm in our faith, the Holy Spirit will reveal unto us, through the word of God, that within the wisdom and the philosophies of man there can be no understanding of God's purpose and plan for mankind. Remember, God is a God of truth, and he is also the word of truth, secured through his Son, Christ Jesus. Therefore, he is the inspired written word given through the power of his spirit, which is the spirit of truth that reveals unto the believer the spiritual characteristics of God. For this reason, we must constantly strive to grow in the grace and in the knowledge of Christ. We must study the word of God with the attitude of loving God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves, so that we will know that there is nothing that we can do on our own, or through mankind, that will help us to understand the fulness of God's wisdom. The life that Christ lived, which he lived in the flesh, through the power of God the Father, allowed him to complete everything that was necessary for the plan of salvation, which gives unto all who will accept, eternal life with Christ. All things come into existence through him, and by him, therefore, he is the completeness, and the fulness of God. He needs nothing from mankind, or from manmade religions or philosophies, for he is the complete perfection of God.

**Romans 8: 1,....**there is therefore now no condemnation ( or eternal damnation ) to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit....

The need for salvation lies within the heart of all mankind. Therefore, those who have believed in Christ are now positioned in him, justified, and declared righteous by God's grace, and he has instilled within us a new identity, with the hope of our eternal life with him.

**Colossians 2: 6 – 10,....**as ye have....received Christ....so walk ye in him....stablished in faith, as ye have been taught....with thanksgiving....beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit....after the....world, and not after Christ....in him dwelleth....the fulness of the Godhead....ye are complete in him....

Living in our spiritual maturity is based upon that which Christ has done for us through the crucifixion and the resurrection. This means that we have, by faith believing, accepted our salvation in Christ. Now, even though we are saved, it is possible for the believer to lose their spiritual focus, for if we are not growing in the spiritual maturity in which we walk, false teachers and preachers, who bring forth a new message of philosophy and tradition of the word of God will use these teachings to deceive us and therefore damage our relationship with God, this is because they offer an improved version of salvation, which claims to be a better standard of living in our life in Christ. Therefore, if we do not measure what we hear, and what we read, if we do not measure it by what we have been taught through the truth of the word of God, then we can easily be led astray.

**Hebrews 13: 9,....**be not carried about with....strange doctrines....for it is a good thing that the heart be established in grace....

As believers, who have been saved by grace through faith, we have received the benefit of being identified with Christ. We are positioned in Christ by his spirit, we are placed in a union with Christ through his spirit, and we have received the righteousness of Christ with his spirit, which is the baptism that we have received, and we are now children of God. Therefore, we understand that God's word does not change, and his will for mankind does not change, but the possibility still remains that because we are not yet perfected in Christ, and we often time, rely upon our own self-righteousness, our interpretation of the word of God will change. To many times, as believers, we place too much importance on an outward show of manmade rituals, rules, and regulations, rather than on the importance of God's grace, which comes through our faith in Christ Jesus. We must die to the sinful, lustful desires of the world, so that we might live each day for Christ.

**Philippians 1: 21,....**for to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain....

The word of God rightfully convicts every soul, for the word of God is perfect in that it judges every man of sin, for the word of God demands flawless perfection from flawed people, for no one can keep the perfect requirements of Gods eternal word. For this reason, God provided a way for us to be perfect and entire in him, and this comes through his mercy and his grace. Therefore, through Christ, the punishment against us, that came because of our sinfulness, was canceled, because the price of that sin debt was paid in its entirety on the cross. Our sin was judged at the cross and will never be judged again. Christ accepted our punishment, which came from God, and he gave unto us his righteousness, and through his saving grace he declares us righteous before his father who is in heaven. Therefore, as believers, we need not live in the fearfulness of the sinfulness of the world, but we are to be rooted and grounded in the truth of God's word so that false doctrines and teachings will have no appeal to us.

**Romans 3: 23 – 26,....**for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God....being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus....whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation ( atonement ) through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance ( patience ) of God....to declare....at this time his righteousness, that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believe in Jesus....

Christ became sin for us, but at no time was Christ declared a sinner, for Christ was never guilty of an actual sin. Christ bore the punishment of our sin, when he suffered and died for us, and took our place on the cross. Therefore, our sin was assigned unto him, and by our faith in him Gods righteousness is assigned unto us. We are not righteous in ourselves; Christs righteousness is applied unto us. Now we can stand before God sinless, just as Christ is sinless. When we trusted in Christ for our salvation we took our place within the family of God, and now God is no longer our eternal condemnation and wrath but has become our justifier. God has now changed our verdict of judgement from a guilty status to a status of being redeemed, because our sins have, in fact, have already been punished and paid for.

**1 John 3: 5,....**and ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins, and in him is no sin....

As believers, we should not allow anyone to deceive us in such a way that we would abandon our freedom in Christ. Only by holding fast to our faith in Christ can we increase in our spiritual maturity, so that false teachers, who are those out there who claim to have special knowledge, and powers, so that their deceptive ways will be of no effect on our life in Christ. How foolish it would be to allow all that we have in Christ to be compromised by those who delight in worldly desires of deception. The enemy of our soul, which is Satan, is not in a position to remove our eternal salvation from us, but he can shred our testimony, which means that if we allow, he will cause us to stumble and fall, which will render our testimony void in the presence of those around us. Therefore, we are warned, concerning worldly humility, love, and compassion, which is false, so that we may not follow after an obsession of spiritual misconception, but we must follow after God alone, and we must trust in the truth of his word. This is why we are told through his word to:

**Hebrews 12: 1 – 3,....**let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us....looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith....for consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds....

In order for our completeness in Christ to be fulfilled we must be willing to endure all things in our life in Christ, and we do so by seeing those things as part of Gods purpose and plan for us, a plan that is beneficial to the saving grace of Jesus Christ to the world around us.

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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