

# *Mt Lebanon Church*

Sunday School Lesson

2.9.2025

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.

Fellowship and Sharing Among Believers

**Acts 2: 43 – 47, 4: 32 – 35**

As believers, when we begin to value the kingdom of God above all else in our life in Christ, it is then that we will experience the willingness to forsake all materialistic possessions in order to participate in our fellowship with God, and with one another in the body of Christ, and this is all for the benefit of meeting the needs of many. Coming together in the unity of God's family, means that all believers are united by their shared faith and love for God, with a strong mutual support, and fellowship among one another, despite the many differences that may occur in our lives. This unity is based upon the shared values of God's love, his compassion and forgiveness, and it is also based upon our commitment and desire to understand the promises and commandments of his word.

**1 Corinthians 1: 10,....**now, I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement....

As believers, we should have zero doubt that we are truly saved, because we have been completely secured in Christ. Therefore, we should not allow our salvation to be challenged, for we are accepted, because we are in Christ, and not for no other reason. Now, if we are in fellowship with one another, therefore, we should agree with one another on matters of importance concerning the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ, which should be the standard of our every thought. Believers are to be united in the church in order to share the gospel of the saving grace of Jesus Christ throughout the world. Any divisions within the body of Christ hinders our ability to grow in our faith and mature spiritually in the way in which God desires for us to grow. If we, as believers, focus on the divisions of life, then we will miss out on the opportunities that God has instore for us in our life in him. Therefore, first and foremost, we need to be perfectly joined together, having the mind of Christ.

**Acts 2: 43 – 47**,....and fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done....and all that believed were together, and had all things common, and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them....as every man had need....they, continuing daily with one accord....praising God, and having favor with all the people....and the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved....

As believers, we should be devoted to learning, to fellowship, and to worshipping God, all the while in reverence to the miraculous demonstration of his power and his might, through which comes many different signs and wonders and happenings in the world around us, which is to be used as opportunities in pointing mankind in the way of salvation. The spirit of fellowship, along with a spirit of give and take, were godly characteristics of the early church. These characteristics instills within us the obligation of responsibility that binds together those within the body of Christ, so that we might become a powerful witness to the world. Believers are not just individuals who happen to believe in the same God, but we are a unity of people who share a common faith, a faith which yokes together one another in the spiritual gifts of giving and sharing, with the willingness to give up worldly desires and possessions, for the spiritual growth of the body of Christ. The church is to take the teachings of the word of God to heart, and to live according to them in their daily lives. As believers, we recognize that nothing that we have belongs to ourselves, but rather, everything that we have is a gift from God, therefore, we are willing to share all that we have with others, knowing that this is our stewardship of the blessings of God.

**1 Peter 4: 10**,....as every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God....

As believers, a most important lesson which we learn in our studies of the word of God is that we should not invest ourselves in a world that is passing away, but we should manage our lives in response to the knowledge that the end of all things is at hand, knowing that Christ could return for his church at any time. As the time of Christ return draws near, we are to be watchful in prayer, with fervent love for one another, administering the gifts of the Holy Spirit, for the building up of the body of Christ, to the glory of God. The benefit of our spiritual gifts is our willingness of service to others, for the greater glory of God.

**Acts 4: 32 – 35**,....the multitude....that believed were of one heart and....one soul....neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own....with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection....and great grace was upon them....neither was there any among them that lacked....possessions....were sold....and laid them....at the apostles feet....and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need....

Does God supply the needs of his people through the gifts of his people. As believers, it is easy for us to see this when it comes to monetary or materialistic needs, but what about spiritual needs. Through the Holy Spirit, God has given unto us the faith to help us in our awareness of spiritual needs. Now, this does not mean that we have the gift to look into the souls of mankind as some claim to have, but it does mean that through the gifts given unto us by the indwelling Holy Spirit, that God will direct us in such a way, that our spiritual attributes will become loving gifts through which God will work to meet the spiritual needs of others, and our awareness comes from the proof that God is working within us.

**Philippians 4: 19**,....but my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus....

Every believer is given unique spiritual gifts by God, which is intended to be used by him to serve others. It is his compassion that is instilled within us which motivates us to identify with, and to share the message of Christ Jesus, which allows us to demonstrate the love of God in such a way that it will provide spiritual guidance unto those who are in need. These abilities, which the Lord provides unto us, we must use wisely, and we are to give back to the Lord a portion of that which he has given unto us, and we do this by providing our time in our stewardship unto him. It is well pleasing unto God to see his characteristics at work in our lives, and it is through his word, that he teaches unto us, that we must have wise discernment, for he gives unto us certain standards that we must take into account, when it comes to giving of our time, for his service.

**Ephesians 4: 11 – 12,....**he gave some, apostles, and some, prophets, and some evangelists, and some, pastors, and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ....

Our answer to Gods calling on our life is priority number one, for there is nothing more important than the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Now, as those who have become a part of the faith of God, we are encouraged to learn how to communicate his word unto others. We are directly commissioned by God, for we are given the power to perform, and to authenticate our appointed ministry upon that which our faith rests, which is the truths of Gods word.

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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