

Mt Lebanon Church

Sunday School Lesson

2.2.2025

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.

Healing A Man Born Blind

John 9: 1 - 17

As believers, who, follow after the example of Christ, it is now our responsibility of service to continue in his works of love and compassion, so that we might persevere with the manifestation of God through Christ Jesus our Lord. This means that God would instruct all who would follow after his Son, Christ, to participate as part of the solution to the problem for which there is a need to have laborers, so as to spread the gospel of the saving grace of his Son Christ Jesus. Therefore, preparation is the key, for the spiritual needs of many are great. Now, as believers, we cannot change the nature of any man, that task belongs to God, but we are called to join in with him in implementing, under his supervision and control, implementing the work which he has given unto us to preform, all the while trusting completely in him with the outcome. Our work in Christ is very important, for it is the way in which we directly serve God. As believers, we express our faith, by our works, which becomes a means of glorifying God.

James 2: 17 – 18,....even so faith, if it hath not works is dead, being alone....shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works....

The results of living by faith in Christ, for the believer, means participating in good works, in obedience unto God, simply claiming our faith by our works in him, for Gods saving grace comes by a faith in which the results are the actions of his great love. The works that a believer preforms are proof of the nature of their faith, for saving faith produces good works, wherein lies the evidence of our salvation. Those who truly believe in something will act upon what they believe in, therefore, we have the ability to make the statement, that we can demonstrate that which we believe in by our works, which we do through Christ Jesus. Remember, works will save you, and saving faith will produce good works, therefore, those who are saved will willing produce the good works of God.

John 9: 1 – 5,....as Jesus passed by, he saw a man....blind from....birth....his disciples asked....who did sin....that he was born blind....Jesus answered neither....but that the works of God should be made manifest in him....I must work the works of him that sent me....as long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world....

Often time, it may seem that our suffering is brought about from divine punishment from sin, but not all suffering is caused by mankind's own sinfulness, rather it is the result of the accomplished work that God has assigned unto us at the time, and it is for this reason that Christ places an obligation upon our lives to be responsible with our time for him. Everything that God allows in our life is so that the work of his saving grace might be displayed. As believers, the need to make the most of every opportunity comes from listening and learning through the truth of his word, so that we might faithfully represent him.

Ephesians 2: 10,....for we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in him....

What does God desire of us? As believers, we are created by him, with purpose, and with skill, which includes spiritual gifts, and the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to lead and guide us in our service unto him. It is the degree of skill in which God blesses us through his Holy Spirit, which makes us of value unto him. Therefore, our value comes from the abilities and characteristics that is bestowed upon us from the one who has created us. Despite the imperfections that we find within ourselves, God knows what he is doing, and he promises to finish that which he has begun in us, if we choose to allow him to do so in our life. As believers, we are a part of the church as a whole, and the church exists to spread the light of the gospel to a lost and dying world, for through his workmanship we are enabled to carry out Gods work in this world.

John 9: 6 – 16,....he....made clay of....spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay....and said....go wash in the pool of Siloam....he went....and washed, and came seeing....is not this he that set and begged....he said, I am he....said they unto him, how were thine eyes opened....a man....Jesus....anointed mine eyes....said they....where is he....it was the sabbath....said....the Pharisees, this man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath....there was a division among them....

No matter what the work of God, there has always been, and there always will be those who try and discredit it somehow. Therefore, the encouragement of division is a result of those who are in the flesh, living in contradiction to that of the spirit. Therefore, there can be no unity without the truth. Those who live in selfishness do not preserve unity, and it is this kind of ambition that brings about division, and those who purposely cause division are those who rebel against Gods purpose and plan for all humanity.

Philippians 2: 1 – 2,....if there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the spirit, if any bowels of mercies, fulfill ye my joy, that ye may be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind....

If there is encouragement, comfort, compassion, and affection in the life of the believer, then the result will be that of unity and love in the body of Christ. Godliness is manifested in the life of those who deny oneself, and is filled with the spirit of Christ, walking in the truth of Gods word.

Philippians 2: 3 – 5,....let nothing be done through strife or vainglory, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem the other better than themselves....look not everyman on his own things, but every man on the things of others....let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus....

When we truly began to see how much that Christ has done for us, and we began to understand the fulness of his love, it is then that our selfish pride begins to fade away, and we begin to recognize our purpose in the body of Christ.

So, how were our eyes opened?

It was when we understood the incredible sacrifice of God's grace and mercy on our behalf. When we begin to recognize God's provision and love for us it is then that we will understand that we have been adopted into the eternal family of God. Christ, often time, uses events in our own lives and in the lives of those around us to proclaim spiritual truths concerning himself and his saving grace, and as believers we will find the source of these spiritual truths hidden within the word of God, which is given freely unto all those, who by faith believing, will search after the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of God.

John 9: 17,....what sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, he is a prophet....

As believers, our purpose is to glorify God, and in order to successfully fulfill this purpose we must be in fellowship with God. We must spend more time contemplating the things that are possible with God instead of just settling for that which is doable. As we mature in our faith, our motivation to do the will of God will increase in our life in Christ. This means that we will seize the opportunities that God has provided unto us, the opportunities to raise up godly values over worldly values. Our eternal perspective allows us to make decisions that will glorify God without the expectation of worldly benefits in return, and all of this comes about in our life by simply acknowledging and expressing unto others the truth of God's 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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