

Mt Lebanon Church

Sunday School Lesson

3.2.2025

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.

Beware of False Teachers

Jude 1: 1 – 13

As believers, when we begin to understand the importance of our faith, it is then that the profession of our salvation will begin to reveal the truth of God's word through us, for it is the truth of God's word which encourages the believer to remain strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Ephesians 6: 10,....finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might....

Now, since believers cannot strengthen themselves, and since as believers, we are always being tempted to follow after our own worldly desires, then we must be continually motivated, or strengthened, through prayer, and by continuing in the truth of God's word, so as not to become deceived by those who will claim to share a common salvation, but they teach that because of God's grace, we are permitted to live our lives by what ever manner that we choose to see fit. Therefore, we must hold fast to our faith in Christ, so that we might live out our hopes and beliefs, through obedience, according to the truth of God's word, by remaining faithful into him.

Hebrews 10: 23,....let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering....

As believers, we are called to embrace the confidence that we have in Christ, and we are not to make the mistake of surrendering to our doubts and worldly fears. We must resist the pressure to follow

after worldly forms of religions that seem to be popular, but have no moral standards, which are things that instead of drawing us closer unto God, it will lead us away from God. This means that even when we suffer in our faith, we must never give up on the abilities which God has given unto us, so that we might wait for the fulfillment of his promises, which provide unto us everything that is necessary for us to find endurance, so that we might understand our weaknesses, and receive mercy and grace to help us in our time of need.

Jude 1: 1 – 4,....Jude....servant of Christ....brother of James....I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation....that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints....

As we begin to study the word of God, we will begin to understand that it is not a product of what man has devised, but it is a product of what the Holy Spirit wanted man to say. Therefore, nothing was written into the word of God that he wanted left out, and nothing was left out that he wanted to be included in his word. So, we understand that the primary characteristics of Gods truth has been delivered, and revealed, and we are warned as believers not to follow after those who might subtract from, or add to his teachings, because to do so would mean to corrupt the pure word of God.

Acts 20: 29 – 30,....for I know that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock....also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them....

The church has and will continue to face many issues, that of which will produce many different ideas of things which can save us, and for this reason, there will rise up those who will try and convince us, as believers, that we need to depend upon certain worldly works in order to be saved. Salvation is by the grace of God, and it comes by the faith that he has given unto us, it is not a work of our own, but it is a gift of God.

Ephesians 2: 8 – 9,....for by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God....not of works, lest any man should boast....

No action of our own is good enough to provide ourselves or anyone else with salvation. No good deeds which we do can undo the sinful nature that we have committed ourselves unto, and just as important is the fact that not even we ourselves, nor anyone else, no matter how great the desire can give salvation to another person, for only God can give unto mankind the free gift of eternal life. Instead, we as believers are called to proclaim the truth of Gods word, and we are called to live it, to share it, to pray for others to receive it, and then to help people learn to grow in it, without gimmicks, and superficial religious ideals.

Jude 1: 5 – 13,....I will therefore put you in remembrance....how that the Lord....saved the people out of....Egypt....afterward destroyed them that believed not....and the angels which kept not their first estate....he hath reserved....unto....judgement....even....Sodom and Gomorrah....are set forth for....the vengeance of eternal fire....likewise also....filthy dreams....Michael the archangel....contending with the devil....said....the Lord rebuke thee....these speak evil of....things....which they know not....what they know naturally....in those things they corrupt themselves without fear....carried about....foaming out their own shame....to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever....

Those who deny Christ are not counted among the true believers, for these are those who pervert the truth of Gods word, and in doing so, God will respond with righteous judgement. Gods' judgement is based upon the actions of our obedience or disobedience toward the promises and commandments of his word, in which he will reward the righteous and punish the wicked. Gods' righteous judgement is given accordingly to truth, and there are eternal consequences when rejecting and distorting Gods truth of salvation, and for those who continue to reject, they will develop and retain a hardened and unrighteous heart.

Romans 2: 6 – 11,....who will render to every man according to his deeds....unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil....for there is no respect of persons with God....

To those who are self-serving and do not the truth, to those who only obey their own righteous desires, God will express his anger toward them through his righteous judgement. Therefore, anyone who teaches false doctrine based upon the deception of their own merit should not hope to receive anything but judgement from God. These false teachers appear to be legitimate, disguising themselves as distinguished servants of Christ, in order to achieve personal gain, for they are absorbed by earthly possessions. Since they carry not with them the truth of God's word, they do not bear the fruit of the spirit, for the Holy Spirit only produces godly characteristics in those who walk in his truth.

2 Peter 2: 1,....there were false prophets....among the people....even as there will be false teachers among you....denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift judgement....

As believers, our confidence is based upon our personal experiences with Christ. False teachers will attempt to make a name for themselves, and mislead us by claiming that God has given unto them a spiritual message for us, and then replacing our own personal experiences with God, by supplying a contradictory message that will twist the truth and leads us away from Gods word, for their goal is to convince the believer to join them and deny Christ, and for this reason they will bring upon themselves the destruction of Gods righteous judgement.

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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