

Mt Lebanon Church

Sunday School Lesson

2.16.2025

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.

Lydias Hospitality

Acts 16: 6 – 15

The Holy Spirit plays a most important role in the life of the believer by helping us to walk in the pathway which has been appointed unto us by God. In order to be led by the spirit, we must first listen to what the spirit has to say, and then we must choose to act upon the instructions that are given. So, what are some of the ways in which the Holy Spirit speaks unto us.

John 14: 26,....but the comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send un my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you....

The Holy Spirit speaks unto us through the word of God, for it is the role of the spirit to reinforce within the heart of the believer that which Christ has already taught and fulfilled through his word. As we study and meditate on the word of God, the spirit will reveal unto us the applications in which we need to draw from in order to secure us in our day-to-day service unto the Lord. Therefore, the Holy Spirit enables us to understand, live out, and apply Gods word in our lives.

Romans 8: 16,....the spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God....

Believers are perfectly secure in Christ, and it is the spirit of God that provides us with the assurance of our position within the family of God. This is a significant confirmation for us as believers, for it shows unto us the intimate interaction between the Holy Spirit and our inner being. Therefore, he is the sign and seal of our adoption into the body of Christ, which is the guarantee of our inheritance, secured until the time in which God sees fit for us to acquire possession of it.

Acts 16: 6 – 7,....when they had gone throughout....and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia....they assayed to go into Bithynia, but the spirit suffered them not....

The Holy Spirit speaks unto us through the circumstances in our life, and it is our responsiveness to the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit which helps us to see the importance of his divine guidance in the work that God has in store for us to do. Therefore, when God closes the door in one of the areas of our life, he will open a new door in another, for he will redirect our paths to fit his divine purpose and plan.

Proverbs 19: 21,....there are many devices in a man's heart, nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand....

Gods purpose is greater than human plans, for it encourages people to trust in Gods wisdom, and then to submit unto his will. This is because human plans are never guaranteed to work out, only Gods intent and purposes are destined to succeed. Any, and all planning on our part, as believers, should be inspired out of a humble heart that glorifies God.

Proverbs 27: 1,....boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth....

James 4: 15,....for ye ought to say, if the Lord will, we should live, and do this, or that....

Acts 16: 8 – 12,....and they passing....a vision appeared to Paul....a man....saying, come over into Macedonia, and help us....immediately we endeavored to go....assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them....and we were in that city abiding certain days....

The Holy Spirit will always lead us, not only to obey the word of God, but also to proclaim the word of God. As we proceed in the direction that God would have us to go, it is necessary that we walk in his spirit. We, as believers, must be willing to do all things according to the leadership and guidance of the spirit of God, for we do not want to make decisions based upon the wisdom and knowledge of the flesh. The spirit of God will lead us, it will guide us, it will keep us from going in the wrong direction, and if we will allow, the indwelling Holy Spirit will form our thoughts and desires into that which God has intended. Daily, we receive divine guidance in which God wants us to experience the importance of our spiritual service unto him. Our obedience to Gods calling on our life will lead us into great opportunities, and significant changes in our life in Christ, so that we might fulfill Gods greater purpose.

2 Thessalonians 2: 14 – 15,....where unto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ....therefore, brethren, standfast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle....

God uses the good news of his salvation to call us into his purpose, and his purpose for us is to share with others, the good news of the saving grace of his Son, Christ Jesus. Now, God created us to know his glory, but because his glory, in reality, is beyond our ability to describe, he empowers us with his indwelling Holy Spirit, so that the greatness of his glory might shine forth from within us, and bring joy and fulfillment unto all those who will choose to experience it.

Exodus 33: 18 – 19,....he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory....I will make my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee, and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy....

God has set eternity within the heart of all humanity, and it will remain there throughout our lifetime. Now, many will never understand their eternal craving, and will attempt to suppress their desire, and deny their need for salvation, which we have received from the Lord. Now, if we would receive from the Lord what we truly deserve, we would never gain access to the eternal blessings of God. But God, by his loving kindness sent his only begotten Son to die in our place, so that we might be able to come boldly into the presence of the Lord, so that we might find mercy and grace in our time of need.

Acts 16: 13 – 15,....on the sabbath we went out of the city....where prayer wast wont to be made....and a certain woman named Lydia....which worshipped God....whose heart the Lord opened....she attended to the things which were spoken of by Paul....she was baptized, and her household....ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord....

As believers, who rely upon prayer and the truth of Gods word, we are encouraged to serve in such a manner that God can open the people's heart to the gospel of his saving grace, by our example of sharing the good works, which he has instilled within us. As the gospel is being shared , it is the convicting Holy Spirit that opens the hearts of humanity so that we might listen and to believe, and this is how that people all around the world are going to choose to come to Christ, and so this is how that we pray, we pray for boldness when it comes to sharing the gospel of the saving grace of Jesus Christ with others.

John 9: 4 – 5,....I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day, the night cometh, when no man can work....as long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world....

As believers, our time here on earth is precious unto the Lord, for our time is limited, and no one knows how much time we have left, for we are rapidly approaching Christ return. As believers, we have only the days of our earthly life, to accomplish the work that God has assigned unto us to do, in our appointed time. The word of God challenges us to be the light of the world, making the most of every opportunity, and faithfully representing and demonstrating that Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Every opportunity is provided by God for his glory. Therefore, we need to consider the responsibility that has been given unto us by God, and we must follow after the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, so that we might extend unto others, the hospitality of our salvation.

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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