

Mt Lebanon Church

Sunday School Lesson

2.23.2025

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.

Priscilla, Aquila, and Apollos

Acts 18: 1 – 4, 18 – 21, 24 – 28

How do we as believers effectively show unto others the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We do so by using the word of God, for it is by the word that God, and through his spirit, which brings about conviction in the hearts of man, and shows unto us the need for salvation. It is also through Gods word that we come to an understanding of what salvation is truly all about. Only one message can save sinners and bring them safely into the presence of an almighty God, and that is the message of the gospel of his saving grace which comes through his Son Christ Jesus alone. Many believers speak of the fact that Gods word is the truth, but not many spend a lot of time discerning what that truth may be, and that it is an invitation for all of mankind to come to have a personal relationship with Christ, and to experience what that salvation is all about. God uses his word to open our eyes to his life changing truth. Now, we do not understand the word of God until we realize that it leads us to Christ, and we then respond in like manner in faith believing. The truth that the word of God reveals about Christ Jesus is not just for our wisdom and knowledge, but it requires a response, for not only does it call us unto the saving grace of Jesus Christ, but it commands us to share with others the message of repentance and forgiveness.

2 Timothy 3: 15,....and that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make the wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus....

The primary task of the word of God is to lead people into a knowledge of the saving grace of God. The Old Testament, or the law of the covenant gave wisdom and knowledge which looked unto salvation, but it was the new covenant, which came by Christ Jesus, that gave unto us Gods saving grace. Therefore, as believers, we are called to remain faithful in learning the wisdom and knowledge of the truth of Gods word, so that we might gain understanding through the Holy Spirit, who gives unto us the ability to share, by example, that which might lead others to the knowledge of salvation, which can only be found by faith believing in Christ Jesus.

Acts 18: 1 – 4,....Paul departed....and came....and found a....Jew named Aquilla....with his wife Priscilla....and came unto them....and....he abode with them....and he reasoned in the synagogue, and persuaded the Jews and the greeks....

Our spiritual relationships are especially important in our life in Christ. In order to have a spiritual relationship we first must realize that the only way that we can have this spiritual relationship is by connecting with God the Father through faith believing in his Son Christ Jesus, for first and foremost in our life we must establish a relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each believer experiences a connection with God in a unique way, a relationship which Christ uses through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to provide every believer with a sense of purpose and meaning in their life, giving guidance unto us in every decision and every action, by providing a means of spiritual growth, through transformation, so that we might strive to gain understanding of our spiritual relationship with God, and focus upon our salvation, which came unto us through Christ Jesus. It is only by a relationship with God, that allows the believer to establish unity in the body of Christ, and therein become effective in our service unto God.

Romans 12: 4 – 6,....for as we have many members un one body, and all members have not the same office....so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another....having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us....

As believers, it is more important that we begin to see and understand that Gods desires for us is that we will offer our everyday lives in service unto him, by seeing others in a manner that glorifies Christ. In doing so, all members within the body of Christ will work together for the good of the whole. This means that the purpose of the church is to serve God, and one another by using the gifts that he has given unto us, so that the truth of the gospel might shine forth.

Acts 18: 18 – 23,....tarried....yet a good while....he came to Ephesus....he....entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews....they desired him to tarry longer....but bade them farewell....but I will return again....if God will....

Only by living according to Gods will in our life can we be effective in our service unto him. Therefore, we should not be reckless, or unwise when making choices in our life. Worldly, foolish desires and choices will contradict Gods desires in our life. Only those who study God's word, through prayer and supplication, will become familiar with his perspective of life, which will help us to focus more clearly on understanding Gods eternal purpose, plan, and will.

Psalms 143: 10,....teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God, thy spirit is good, lead me into the land of uprightness....

As believers, we pray that God will teach us how to live a life that is pleasing unto him. This means submitting ourselves in obedience to the promises and commandments of the truth of his word, all the while asking for his spirit to guide us into his righteousness. Those who confess to possess the knowledge of Gods will, and are obedient to his word, will have sufficient enough faith to withstand the situations and circumstances that we go through in our life.

Acts 18: 24 – 28,....a certain Jew named Apollos....this man was instructed in the way of the Lord....being fervent in spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord....he began to speak boldly in the synagogue....they took him....and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly....and....helped them much which had believed through grace....and....publicly, sharing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ....

A believer's desire is to show by example, and to tell others about Christ and his saving grace, and what he has done for us in our life. Sharing the testimony of our salvation is a vital part of our life in Christ. As believers, we are called to live a godly life, and to share with others, a testimony of that which Christ has done for all of mankind. We cannot open a person's heart to the truth of the gospel, but God can, so therefore, for the believer that is dependent upon the spirit of God, Christ will use in such a manner, that his spirit working through us, might open mankind's heart to the truth of his gospel.

Paul said in:

1 Corinthians 3: 6,....I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase....

As believers, we are merely servants of the Lord, servants whom God will use to bring others to faith in Christ, through the guidance of his spirit, but only if we will allow him to work in our life. Our example of living an obedient life in Christ, provides a teaching of the gospel, that is much needed in order to instill within the heart of man, what the truth of the saving grace of Jesus Christ is all about. In doing so, through the convicting work of the Holy Spirit, God gives unto mankind the ability to believe, by faith, in his Son Jesus Christ, so that all who hear might have the opportunity to be saved.

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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