

Mt. Lebanon Church

Teaching Ministry

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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. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

God Cares for His Own

John 10: 1 - 5

As believers, we should know from experience that God cares for all our needs, and that he makes sure that our needs are met. God listens to our prayers, but only when we do so through the guidance his Spirit. When we call upon him in faith believing, we will receive his grace in our time of need, for Christ is our livelihood and he is our support in every circumstance in our life. He is also our provider, our peace, our strength, our righteousness, our reward, for he is our shepherd. God, who is with us in both good times, and in trials and tribulations, has promised never to leave us nor forsake us, but he is our everlasting, eternal comforter.

The direction that we go in our life should always be one that is pleasing unto God. Our inner contentment and peace play a crucial role in achieving our godly objective. If we will truly desire to willingly seek after the Lord, it is then that we will learn to be spiritually satisfied in every situation. Learning to live comfortably in our life in Christ will enable us to live a positive, spiritually mature life, But first we must learn to be content.

Philippians 4: 11 – 12,....for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content....

Only in Christ is there spiritual contentment in every situation and circumstance that we might find ourselves in. As we spiritually mature, we know that there is no greater contentment or joy than abiding in Christ by submitting to the guidance of his indwelling Holy Spirit and putting our complete faith and trust in God. As believers, through our faith and trust in Christ we learn to deal with our responsibilities and duties, which means striving to do everything with our whole heart, and in a manner that is pleasing unto the Lord. Although our love for Christ Jesus should be the reason that we work whole heartedly for the Lord, we also have his blessing of our hope of his eternal reward.

John 10: 1 - 5,....he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber....but he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep....to him the porter openeth, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out....he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him....a stranger will they not follow....for they know the voice of strangers....

Christ is the means by which we enter into the family of God, for without Christ there is no hope of eternal life. This is because, like sheep, we are helpless, spending our time seeking those things of the world, wandering from place to place, never looking up, and for this reason, we often time become lost, for we have no homing instinct, which means that we are incapable of finding our way into the fold, even though it has always been in plain sight. We are followers, easily susceptible to predators, therefore, we should be totally committed unto the Lord, who is our shepherd, for he is the one who cares for us with godly love and compassion. This means that we are to follow after Christ, the one whom we know, for by his calling, we follow after his voice.

Christ came into this world at Gods appointed time, to save us, to protect us, and to expose those who are false, those who try to deceive and scatter the body of Christ with deception and confusion. This means that we are not supposed to follow the voice of strangers, for these are those who reject Christ, because they do not belong to him.

John 14: 6,....Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me....

By, and through, the love of God, we have the ability to lay hold of, to believe upon, and to act upon the significance of all that Christ is. In doing so, our troubled hearts can always be stilled, and our joy in the Lord will always remain full. Everything that is not of Christ is a lie, a deception, a distortion of the truth, things that are just partly true. Without Christ we have no direction in our life, and there is no way to live our life, and there is no way to face death. Christ is the way that leads us unto the Father. Christ is the truth that opens up our understanding to God. Christ is the source of all spiritual life, and in him is eternal life for all those who will believe and trust in him. Therefore, Christ is the way that we must follow, the truth that we must believe, and the life in whom we have our hope.

John 10: 7 - 11,....verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep....I am the door, by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture....I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly....I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd giveth his life for his sheep....

Christ is the eternal shepherd and those who do not profess Christ as the eternal shepherd are false teachers and preachers who only seek personal wealth and gain, for they do not seek salvation for others. False teachers, who have crept into the body of Christ, they are those who portray great faith, but yet they are faithless. God's word gives unto us many warnings concerning false prophets, those who manipulate, and lead people astray. Therefore, the more that we study, meditate, and understand the truth of God's word, the closer that we will become unto him. We must make the time to get to know the Lord.

Philippians 3: 10 – 11,....that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable to his death....if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead....

Christ was and is the perfect example of all that man should be, this is because of his obedience, through all that he suffered, while keeping the purpose and plan of his heavenly Father. Therefore, we must keep our eyes fixed firmly upon Christ, and trust in him as we submit to the leading, guiding, and correction of the Holy Spirit, so that we might be conformed into the image and likeness of him. Christ offered salvation to the Jews first and then extended that offer to the Gentiles. Therefore, we as believers, we have become heirs and part of the body of Christ, sharing together in the promises of salvation, because we all need to be brought into the fold.

Ephesians 3: 6,....that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel....

As members of the body of Christ, which is the church, this means that we will all equally enjoy the characteristics of God. There are no believers that are greater than others, and there are none that are inferior to others, for we all are one in Christ Jesus. This is because of the cross of Christ, which broke down the wall of separation, through which came the gospel of the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and it is this that shows unto all of mankind that God does care for his own.

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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