

Mt Lebanon Church

Sunday School Lesson

4.13.2025

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.

Babylon Is Fallen

Revelation 14: 6 – 13

God in his infinite wisdom uses many different entities to warn the lost sinner so that they might turn from their wicked ways, and then by faith believing turn unto him. Why? Because the world has chosen to live in sin, with no fear of Gods judgement. Therefore, it is easy for the world to continue to live in sin since they have no fear of God. Now, even though God is a merciful and a patient God, he will punish wrongdoing. He does not want to punish wrongdoing, for he wants everyone to repent, and follow after him. For this reason, we must live with the urgency that the hour of judgement has come, and for this reason the weight of eternity presses upon mankind, driving us to make decisions concerning the outcome of our eternal life, for it demands that we discard worldly doubt, and step boldly into the light of salvation, which brings us into a spiritual awakening, which helps us to embrace Gods divine purpose and plan for all of humanity.

2 Corinthians 5: 10,....for we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that everyman may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad....

As believers, it is our desire to be with the Lord, which motivates us to become an example of his saving grace. Our wisdom of knowing that our eternal life with God is guaranteed, gives unto us the courage to continue in fulfilling the mission that God has given unto us to do. It is that security that gives unto us the strength to endure, so that we might carry the gospel of Christ to more and more people throughout our life here upon earth, for one day we will be judged by Christ for the works that we have done in our life. One day all of mankind will stand before God and be held accountable for the choices that we make, and the consequences of our rewards, whether good or bad, will be based upon those choices which we have made in our bodies.

Revelation 14: 6 – 8,....I saw....another angel....having the everlasting gospel to preach....to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people....saying....fear God, and give glory to him, for the hour of his judgement is come, and worship him that made heaven and earth....and there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen....because she made all nations drink....of the wrath of her fornication....

The everlasting gospel which we preach today will also be proclaimed during the tribulation period and will continue until the end of time on this earth as we know it. For it is mankind's last opportunity to turn from their sinful disobedience, and trust in Christ, so as to receive the gift of eternal life. Now, the Lord himself has made sure that from the beginning of time, this everlasting gospel, that we preach, has been proclaimed to the whole earth, to every nation, tribe, language, and people, and will continue to be proclaimed until God finishes his work of judgement upon a sinful world. This message of salvation, which comes through faith in Christ Jesus, is an unchanging eternal truth, and for those, who will by faith, believe, they will reap the everlasting benefits.

Matthew 24: 14,....this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come....

Since the time of Christ commissioning of his disciples, the everlasting gospel has been preached as an end time message, and it is not just a gospel of salvation, but it is also a message of judgement. A gospel that must not be changed, but a gospel that must be preached identically as it was preached by Christ himself.

1 John 2: 24,....let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning....if that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father

Galatians 1: 6 – 12,....but though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel....let him be accursed....I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ....

The original message, set forth by God since the beginning of time, that which we have receive by his word, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, is the true gospel, and this gospel is to abide and remain in all who believe. Those who reject the truth of Gods message, and accept false teachings, will destroy any possibility of having a meaningful relationship with Christ Jesus.

Revelation 14: 9 – 13,....the third angel....saying....if any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, the same shall drink of the....wrath of God....he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone....in the presence of the lamb....the smoke of the torment ascendeth up for ever and ever, and they have no rest day nor night....here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus....write blessed are the dead which die in the Lord....that they may rest from their labors....

The faith of Christ means the believers faith in him. Through our obedience in keeping his commandments we maintain our faith in him, but we must be willing to endure persecution so that we might remain faithful unto God. Therefore, we are encouraged to patiently withstand persecution, for genuine faith only has meaning when it is tried. John describes two kinds of people, and this holds true to our time today. There are those who are faithful to Christ, and then there are those who follow after the wickedness of the world. Throughout the entirety of the word of God, justification through the righteousness of God comes only by faith in Christ Jesus. In every generation, God has appointed people in many different ways to perform many different tasks, but always with the same objective, and that is to believe in him, which will not change, even in the days of the tribulation where people will still be commanded that they must believe in Christ to be saved. It will be at that time that the grace dispensation period of the church era will be complete, and the day of the Lord, which is described as the tribulation period, when the world will be governed by the anti-christ, who will demand to be worshipped, and anyone who does not worship the anti-christ will be severely persecuted. It is those who have withstood persecution even from the beginning of time are those who are referred to as the patient, steadfast, perseverance of the saints. Our faith in Christ might come at a cost to the believer here on earth, but it will result in everlasting, eternal blessings with God.

Hebrews 11: 6,....without faith it is impossible to please him, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him....

God first and foremost is concerned with our faith and trust in him, but this does not make our actions and behaviors unimportant to him. What we do reflects what we truly believe, so therefore just going through the motions is not what God is looking for. The entirety of the word of God is an exercise of true faith with obedience, for it is our works that prove our faith.

John 6: 47,....verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me hath everlasting life....

Since before the foundation of the world, and onto the end of the ages to come, Gods message has never changed, he that believeth on Christ Jesus hath everlasting life. This repetition signals a certainty that is of the greatest importance to God. Christ himself is the true source of eternal life, and so it is his assurance that eternal life will be given unto all those, who will by faith, believe upon his sacrificial work on the cross, and the divine work of God through his resurrection. Therefore, it is Gods will, and his grace, that we believe that God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son so that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Let us pray

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