

# *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.

Encouraged to Believe

**Mark 3: 13 – 19, 6: 6 – 13**

**1 John 5: 4 – 5**,....whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world, and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith....who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?....

We are taught by the word of God that those who have believed have already been given victory. So, why is it that we still as believers today go through life, living in defeat, and never getting to experience the fullness of Gods promises. This is because we do not live by the authority of God in obedience to his word. Therefore, we must learn to, first recognize Gods power, and then we must learn to access and apply that power and authority to our lives, in order to walk in the victory of Christ and his saving grace. When we fail to operate in the power and authority that God has given unto us, our spiritual life becomes weak, and our desire to follow Gods purpose and plan for our life becomes empty and defeated. The truth is that we have a choice, and although it is hard to believe that anyone would choose to live a life of defeat, which would be a life that God did not choose for us, for through his word, God encourages us to choose to believe, by faith, in His Son, Jesus Christ, so that we might live a life of victory.

**1 Corinthians 15: 57,....**but thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ....

So there are two very important statements in the truth of God's word that help us to identify with the characteristics of our assurance of being victorious in Christ. The first is when Christ himself said: It is finished, and the second being when the angel of the Lord proclaimed: He is risen.

**John 19: 28,....**when Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, it is finished....

**Mark 28: 16,....**he is not hear, for he is risen....

Christ paid the full price of our sin debt upon the cross, and he broke the hold of the power of eternal death when he was resurrected from the grave.

**Romans 8: 1,....**There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the spirit....

The wrath of judgement and condemnation that mankind rightfully deserves was paid in full with the blood of Christ at the cross. The wrath that we deserved, God poured out upon his Son, Christ Jesus, as a payment for our sin. Therefore, whosoever believes in Christ, whosoever has been born again, whosoever has been sealed by the spirit, and whosoever has trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as their savior, will not be condemned.

**Romans 5: 17,....**for if by one man's offense death reigned by one, much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ....

Gods great gift of salvation is not only available, but it is offered in its entirety to all who become identified with his Son, Christ Jesus, the one who became the righteousness of man through his humble sacrificial work on the cross, and his victorious resurrection from the grave.

**Mark 3: 13 – 19**,....he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him who he would, and they came unto him....he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach....to have power to heal....to cast out devils....Simon....surnamed Peter....James....John....Andrew....Philip....Bartholomew....Matthew....Thomas....James....Thaddaeus....Simon....Judas....

Before Christ done anything upon this earth, he prayed to the Father, and the choices in which he made concerning the twelve, whom he ordained, was not just about the characteristics of the men that he chose, but his choices were in consideration for all of humanity. Christ knew that the successful future of the ministry of the gospel of the saving grace, which would come forth through him, and this success depends upon the ones that he chooses, and our willingness of obedience. Therefore, for this reason, Christ depended entirely upon his heavenly Father when making all decisions.

**Psalms 62: 1 – 8**,....truly my soul waiteth upon God, from him cometh my salvation....he only is my rock and my salvation, he is my defense, I shall not be greatly moved....my soul, wait thou only upon God, for my expectation is from him....he only is my rock and my salvation, he is my defense, I shall not be moved....in God is my salvation and my glory, the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God....trust in him at all times....pour out your heart before him, God is a refuge....

Now, many times we will come to a place in our life, when the only thing that will make a difference is through prayer we depend upon God, for he can do in a single moment, that which we cannot accomplish in a lifetime. One of the most common mistakes that we make is depending and relying upon our own strength, even when we know that there is no doubt in our mind about the power, the might, and the ability of God to help us. When we go to God in prayer, and place every aspect of our life in his hands, through faith believing, he can, and will handle all things in our life as we depend upon him.

**Mark 6: 6 – 13**,....he went....teaching....he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth....and commanded that they should take nothing for their journey....they went out, and preached that men should repent....

Before God can effectively use us, we must shew him that we are totally dependent upon him. We must trust that he will provide for us, physically and more so spiritually, for he wants us to focus on the ministry that he has in store for us. This we cannot do if we are worrying about our physical needs above that which is spiritual.

The hope for all mankind is that every true believer would give themselves totally unto God for his service. No work that we seek to do for the Lord can be successful without the power and authority of Christ. Therefore, Christ will supply all that is needed for the success of his ministry, to the ones in whom he sends out.

**John 5: 30,....**I can of mine own self do nothing, as I hear, I judge, and my judgement is just, because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me....

As believers, we strive for unity with God. This means that our works will produce a godly love strong enough to help others experience eternal life over spiritual death. The only way that we can justify being a living example is to connect all that we have to the will of God. Christ said that some things only he could speak of, because he alone knew these things through his relationship with the Father. Through Christ, we now have the same identity as Christ, but it is not an opportunity to boast, it is an opportunity to tell others how to gain access to Gods victorious kingdom. As believers, we are encouraged to teach, and to preach, and to be a living example to the world, all the while remembering that it is only Gods love, his grace, and his mercy that can transform the lives of all mankind. Therefore, let us always be found encouraged to believe.

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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