

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 what he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

Volunteering For the Service of The Lord

Isaiah 6: 1 – 8

So, what steps must we take in our life as believers in order to become a faithful volunteer for the service of the Lord. In order to come to know this in our life in Christ we must examine ourselves, to see if our relationship with God is just something that we fall back on in our time of need or is it something that we strive daily to increase, to grow in our faith and in our spiritual maturity. Does our life in Christ only persevere with a willing desire when it is convenient for us to do so or is it something that we fervently strive for daily in our walk with God. God, from the beginning has had a plan for the things in which he has for us to do in our life, a unique plan of service unto him, and it is for this reason that we must strive to continue to develop our personal relationship with God. This is a relationship that comes through prayer, and it is a relationship that comes through our obedience to his word, and it is a relationship that comes through the humility of our spiritual accomplishments, and it comes through our thankfulness for all that God has provided for us so that we might succeed in our life in Christ, both now and throughout eternity.

1 Samuel 12: 24,....only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart, for consider how great things he hath done for you....

As believers, do we seek to serve God so that we might honor and glorify him because of what he has done for us through Christ atoning work on the cross. Now, our service cannot add anything to God, but it does glorify him when we by our living example spread his love unto all of mankind by expressing our gratitude for the things which he has done. The focus of our service unto God is to point others to him and unto his saving grace, which comes through Jesus Christ his Son. In order to serve God, we must come to know him, and we must come to understand all that he has done for us. This then will open our eyes to the opportunities that he has in store for us. Yes, we are human, and therefore we have limitations, but that should not stop us from being all that we can be in him and through him, and by this God will work through us at many different times, and in many different ways.

1 Peter 4: 11,....if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth, that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ....

We are to use the abilities that God has given unto us, on his behalf, with his strength, and for his glory. As we draw from Gods strength, it is then that we will gain the ability to sacrifice all worldliness in our lives so that we might serve one another for his purpose, which will bring glory unto him. The choices which we make so that we might use our lives to bring glory unto God will always allow us to become part of his eternal purpose and plan.

Isaiah 6: 1 – 8,....I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne....above it stood the seraphims....one cried unto another, and said holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts....and the post of the door moved at the voice of him.... then said I, woe is me, for I am undone....then flew one of the seraphim's....having a live coal....he laid it upon my mouth and said....thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged....I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, here am I, send me....

When the spiritual conditions of the world around us become regrettable, which is always due to the reign of sinfulness in the lives of those who have allowed themselves to become proud of their own worldly accomplishments, it is then that the Lord will begin to reveal unto the believers within the body of Christ, Gods sovereignty and his power, so that we might hear his voice, and respond in like manner to his call of unlimited servitude upon our life, which is to say, here I am, send me.

Proverbs 16: 3,....commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established....

Colossians 3: 23,....whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord....

As believers, when are we in the presence of the Lord, in our life in Christ we are always in the presence of the Lord. Therefore, we should always be experiencing the divine glory of God in our life. As believers, we have so many opportunities to see the glory of God, which comes through these experiences that allow us to know that Jesus Christ is Lord of all. Now, the glory of the Lord goes beyond any and all of our human comprehensions, but God reveals his glory unto us so that he might reveal unto us his will for our life. In order to see the glory of God we must be humble, and it is then that we will get a greater understanding of just how holy God is, and how unworthy we are. Through the saving grace of Jesus Christ, God reveals himself unto us through the Holy Spirit that dwells within us. So, this means that his strength, his wisdom, his love, his peace, his joy, all dwell within us, and as we yield to his Holy Spirit, it is then that we will begin to experience the glory of God flowing in our life.

2 Corinthians 3: 17 – 18,....now the Lord is that spirit, and where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty....we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the spirit of the Lord....

It is the Holy Spirit that allows us as believers to see the glory of God, which he has revealed unto us through his Son, Christ Jesus. Now, by this, we begin to understand the process of being transformed into the image of Christ. Becoming Christlike means becoming a part of the glory of God, and we become more and more like him as we are changed by the indwelling spirit. This continued change into the image and likeness of Christ will allow us to show forth the goodness, the grace, and the glory of God in our lives.

1 John 3: 1 – 3,....what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us....now are we the sons of God....we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him....everyman that hath the hope in him purifieth himself....

God cannot be compared with anything that the human mind can conceive, and it is impossible for him to tolerate sin. And although he cannot be compared to our nature, he has not separated himself from us, for the glory of God will humble us in such a way that it will bring us to examine ourselves. As we do this, then are we able to see the hopeless condition in which we live in this world. When our hearts become insincere, it is because we are not obedient to the word of God. But through our obedience to his word, God will cleanse us and make us useful for his service. We can only receive cleansing as we face our sinfulness, and as we respond to the calling of Gods purpose and will in our lives.

Recognizing our sinfulness and receiving cleansing from the Lord will allow us to see the magnificence of the glory of God. Although we are not worthy to stand in the presence of his holiness because of sinfulness, through salvation we are placed in the presence of the one who can raise us up. This calling unto salvation comes through Gods divine glory, the trinity, God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Isaiah 6: 8,....who will go for us....

For this reason, we as believers, have been selected to be used for the dwelling place in which the divine glory of God has been chosen to reside. We now have become a permanent dwelling place, throughout time and into the eternal age to come. Our bodies are the temple of the living God, and the spirit of God which dwells within each of us. So, therefore we are told in:

Colossians 3: 23 – 24,....whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and unto men....knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance, for ye serve the Lord Christ....

Whatever we do, we should understand that we must do it with a pure heart, and we should seek to do it according to the will of God. Through Gods word we are given sufficient instruction on how to live our life so that we are pure in heart and show outwardly how to be holy. We are to do all things through humility, to the glory of God. We are to mature spiritually in the wisdom of God's word, and we are to work heartedly to do everything in our life as if we are doing it for Christ himself, because as believers we are doing it for the Lord. As we fulfill our Christlike roles and responsibilities we will certainly receive and become a part of the glory of God, fully understanding what it means to volunteer for the service of the Lord.

Let us Pray.

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