

# *Mt Lebanon Church*

Sunday School Lesson

8.10.2025

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.

Live in Light of the Gospel

## Colossians 4: 1 – 6

We as believers must come to learn that every moment in our life has purpose, when we align our actions with Gods will. We come to understand this when we seek Gods wisdom and direction in every circumstance and situation in our life, acknowledging his goodness, and exercising our faith and trust in his promises. As we look for opportunities to grow in our spiritual maturity, he will provide ways for us to make a positive impact on the world around us. By focusing on our obedience to his word, we can and will make the most of every moment in our life in Christ, who allows us to live with purpose, so that we might enjoy a deeper sense of connection in our relationship with God.

**Matthew 6: 34**,....take therefore no thought for the morrow, for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself....sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof....

In order to make the most of every opportunity that God provides for us, we must stop with the excessive worldly worry concerning the things that are going to happen in our future. Yes, each day is going to bring with it unique challenges, which God has allowed, so that he might encourage us to put our faith and trust in his promises and provisions, rather than being consumed by our own anxieties and worldly fears. We must learn to allow the Holy Spirit to keep us focused on the current day's challenges, for this is a more productive use of our spiritual energy, instead of worrying about something that may or may not happen tomorrow. Worry does not fix anything, and anxiety we cannot control, and together when we allow it to do so it will put the spiritual things of God out of our reach. Therefore, we are commanded to put our trust in God moment by moment, and he will provide that which is needed in our life day by day.

**Proverbs 3: 5 – 6,....**trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding....in all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths....

We as believers are encouraged and commanded to surrender complete control of our life unto God, by relying upon his understanding when it comes to our obedience in the truth of his word, so that we might acknowledge him in all aspects of our life. Yes, there is a need for us to acknowledge our limitations, so that we might see the importance of including God in every action, in every task, in every decision, recognizing that God's perspective in our life is more thorough and complete than our own. Therefore, are we called to live a life of faith with humility, totally dependent upon God, with the confidence of having the assurance that he will lead us and guide us, and direct us in the right direction, which ultimately is toward his purpose, and his plan, and his will in our life.

**Colossians 4: 1 – 2,....**masters, give your servants that which is just and equal, knowing that you have a master in heaven....continue in prayer....watch....with thanksgiving....

As believers, all relationships, which is interpreted as any meaningful connection between individuals, should be characterized by a shared sense of purpose and moral values, which would involve a mutual desire for spiritual growth and understanding, so that we might become the best version of ourselves that we can be in the Lord. Therefore, all relationships should practice consideration for the well-being of others, with the awareness of our accountability unto God. As believers our righteousness in Christ holds us accountable in our moral obligation to demonstrate the gospel of God's saving grace unto others, with the same love, the same compassion, the same mercy and grace, that he has demonstrated unto us. Our perspective then is to, through prayer, remain alert to the spiritual and physical needs of others, all the while acknowledging God, giving unto him all glory with thanksgiving, for the eternal hope that he has instilled within us, when we by faith, first believed upon his Son, Christ Jesus.

**Matthew 7: 12,....**therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets....

Do we as believers trust others the same as we want to be trusted. Which means with the same respect, the same kindness, the same consideration that we desire. We are encouraged through Gods word not just to consider the perspective of others, but to act accordingly to that perspective, encouraging others to initiate acts of kindness and consideration as well. Remember, our relationship with God is reflected in how that we trust others, especially in the family of God.

**Colossians 4: 3 – 4,....**praying....that God would open unto us a door....to speak the mystery of Christ....that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak....

Believers are encouraged to pray for opportunities in which to proclaim the mystery of the gospel of Christ. The mystery refers to something that is not previously revealed, which was Christ himself, identified in his relationship to the believer. Christ who has always existed, at the right time in Gods plan, came to the earth, was manifested in the sight of mankind, he came to express his love by his sacrifice, so that he might have an intimately knowing relationship with those, who by faith, will believe in him. What a great joy it is to know that Christ loves us, and that his grace toward us was part of Gods plan from the very beginning.

**Ephesians 3: 2 – 6,....**ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God....that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery....whereby....ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ....it is now revealed....by the spirit....that the gentiles should be fellow heirs....of the same body....partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel....

Through faith, in Christ, all of mankind has the opportunity to share in the same inheritance and in the same spiritual blessing. The promise of salvation and eternal life brings unity to the believers, those who are of the church, portrayed as one body with Christ as the head. This incredible position and privilege that we have in Christ, even though it is beyond our understanding, the truth is contained in the message of the cross, waiting to be revealed unto us by our obedience, through the promises and commandments of his word. It is this that gives unto us the desire to communicate the mystery of Christ with boldness, making it plain and understandable, and impactful to all those who will hear it. This sense of responsibility is one that encourages us to share the gospel, faithfully and effectively, acknowledging that it is our divine calling.

**Colossians 4: 5 – 6**,....walk in wisdom....redeeming the time....let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man....

As believers, just as it is with our relationship within the body of Christ, we should live and interact with those who are outside of the faith in a way that reflects the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of God, making the most of every opportunity to share the gospel. It is not just about what we say, but also about how that we live our life as an example unto others, so that it might draw them unto Christ. As believers, our words are to preserve the message of Christ, so that it might effectively reach as many people as possible. The things that we do, and the things that we say are to be uplifting and helpful, adding value to the lives of those around us. Therefore, in our hearts, and in our actions, we are to honor Christ as the Lord of our life, communicating him in a positive truth, as we live in the light of the gospel of the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

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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