

Mt Lebanon Church/ Big Isaac Community Church

Sunday School Lesson

10.19.2025

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 which he would have you to see through the study of God's word that we share.

God Sees Nathanael

John 1: 43 - 51

The call to salvation in our life, how did it happen. Whether or not we remember the exact details, we do know that our call to salvation was specific and distinct, and it was based upon the promises of God's word, through the convicting power of the Holy Spirit. This divine act of God's grace is that which draws individuals to faith in Christ Jesus and is extended to all people. Now, we know that salvation originates from God's grace and not from man's works, which means that God makes the call and man is to respond to that call. Therefore, salvation originated from God's purpose, plan, and grace. The Holy Spirit enabled the call, it is an open invitation, it is guaranteed, and the effectiveness of his call leads the believer into a genuine response of faith and repentance. Now, our response of faith is not one of earning salvation, but it is a voluntary acceptance of the gospel of Christ.

Titus 3: 3 – 7,....we ourselves....were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving....lust and pleasures, living in....envy....hating one another....but after that the kindness and love of God....appeared....not by works....which we have done....but according to his mercy he saved us, by....receiving the Holy Ghost....he shed on us....through Jesus Christ....being justified....we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life....

Accepting Gods call means being changed from a worldly sinful state to a new life in Christ, which motivates within us his good works, and initiates a natural outward flow of his compassion and grace, influencing believers to live differently, having left behind us the spiritual darkness and moral corruption of the world.

John 1: 43 – 46,....Jesus would go forth into Galilee and findeth Philip, and saith....follow me....Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith....we have found him....Jesus of Nazareth....Nathanael said....can....any good thing come out of Nazareth....Philip said....come and see....

John 1: 43,....follow me....

Follow me is a call from God, an invitation that leads to our personable faithfulness to Christ Jesus, who would have us to learn from him through our obedience to Gods word. It is a call to a new purpose, a transformation which involves a change in our way of life. This change affects how we act, and it affects the decisions which we make. This call was never meant to be burdensome in the life of the believer, but we are called to walk in Gods grace, relying upon his strength in our life. Now, as we listen to Gods call, through prayer, and through his word we reestablish our life according to his purpose, taking immediate action to change our priorities, so that we might forsake the old self with its worldly ways, and follow after our new life in Christ. In doing so, by the spirit of God, we will find ways to live in our calling no matter what our current situation or circumstance allows for.

John 1: 45,....we have found him....Jesus of Nazareth....

Finding Christ means that we have heard the call, we have embraced our faith, we have accepted Gods saving grace, which signifies our personal experience of faith, repentance, with a responsibility to commit to living our life according to the obedience of Gods word. As believers, claiming that we have found him is our testimony of sharing with others the gospel of Christ Jesus. This experience of sharing we should consider to be personal, for we are leading others toward a new identity, and a new relationship with God, which provides us with a sense of purpose and hope within our life in Christ.

John 1: 46,....come and see....

In our life, if we do not experience things ourselves, we will never overcome doubt. Therefore, as believers, we must share our faith, for this is an encouragement unto others to encounter Christ personally for themselves. Being a personal testimony is a powerful witness that eliminates lengthy conversations and debates that may lead to disagreements and arguments, for personal encounters are more persuasive than words alone, and they offer a simple invitation to meet Christ.

John 1: 47 – 49,....Jesus saw Nathanael coming....saith....behold an Israelite....Nathanael saith....whence knowest thou me....Jesus....said....before....Phillip called thee....thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee....Nathanael....saith....thou art the Son of God, thou art the King of Israel....

God, who is omniscience, has divine knowledge and knows the character of all mankind. Therefore, Christ knows us intimately, he sees and knows the state of our heart, and this should be comforting unto us to know that Christ is aware of our struggles, and he is aware of the things that we long for in our life. This powerful proof of Christ's divine knowledge is a great turning point in our life, which establishes within us a foundation for our faith. This helps us to understand that Christ already knows who we are, and what we have done, and he loves us despite of it all.

Psalms 139: 1 – 6,....O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me....thou....art acquainted with my ways....such knowledge is too wonderful for me....I cannot attain unto it....

Since we are known completely by God, we can approach him without pretense and without deception in our life, for we are secure in his knowledge of us. God's knowledge of us gives unto us a sense of accountability in knowing that our actions and intentions are fully known by him. God knows our past, our present, and our future, he knows our thoughts, our fears, and our needs, he already knows the outcome of every situation and circumstance in our life, which should lead us into a greater trust in him and a greater willingness to follow after his guidance. For the believer this should inspire us to approach our life in Christ more earnestly, knowing that our actions are being evaluated by the Lord.

John 1: 50 – 51,....Jesus....said....believest thou....thou shalt see greater things than these....hereafter shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man....

Answering Gods call in our life is just the beginning of a much greater declaration of his power in our life. As believers, we are encouraged through Gods word to grow from our initial faith, which was based upon the single most event of our salvation and went on to an even greater, steadfast faith and trust in Christ himself. In God there is always more, more love, more grace, more wisdom, more knowledge and more understanding, and with all of these things we will continue to experience more of his glory throughout our lives here upon earth. As we gain a fuller understanding of Gods purpose and plan, the more that we will long for, and the more that we will look forward to the promise of our eternal hope with him.

Christ is the mediator between God and man, the one whom through the truth of all things exist. He is the one who bridges the gap between heaven and earth. Christ, who is the Son of Man is revealed unto us by his both his human nature and his divine nature. He is the direct living link between God and humanity. The reality of all things has been fulfilled through his life, his death, and his resurrection, and it continues to be revealed unto us through his mighty works within us, by way of our faith in him. Everything that takes place upon the earth is meant to deliver a message from God, for he is a sovereign God and allows all things to occur according to his ultimate plan. Nothing happens by random chance, and our assurance in life comes from knowing that God is in control even during those times of suffering, and even if we do not understand the reason why, we are still provided with a source of peace and comfort in our lives. Gods' divine sovereignty and purpose is reflected within the believer through our faith, and through our trust in knowing and proclaiming that we have found him and will one day live eternally with him.

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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