

Mt. Lebanon Church/ Big Isaac Community 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.

Christ Our Example

Ephesians 5: 1 – 2

So, can we all agree that Christ love is endless, and it is available unto anyone who desires it. Now, not only is his love endless, but he is also the greatest teacher that ever lived, and his words teach us very important lessons, and these lessons describe who we are, for we are everyday people in everyday situations, and by him we are easily understood. So, Gods word touches the hearts of all humanity, and it motivates us as believers, not only to follow after him, but to serve others each and every day. Gods' intention for all believers is that we will use his Son, Christ Jesus, as an example for every decision that we make, concerning all circumstances and situations in our lives, to use as a guide for wisdom and knowledge concerning that which we should do in our spiritual life. In order, to be successful in our calling and service unto him, we must continue to grow, as we follow the example of Christ, and in doing so, Christ will live his life through us by the power of his indwelling Holy Spirit, as we wholly and completely submit ourselves unto him.

So, what does it mean to follow Christ as our example? First of all, it begins when we repent and believe by faith in the gospel of his saving grace. When this takes place in our life, we turn our attention to the word of God and we become obedient to following after his word in our daily lives, then and only then will we learn the fundamentals of following after Christ Jesus. Building our life through our obedience to Gods word, by his wisdom, knowledge, and understanding this will sustain us in the challenges that we will encounter in our life.

1 John 2: 5 - 6,....he that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked....

So, what is our goal in life, as believers. It is to become like Christ, and the key to following Christ is to willingly, and consistently, and prayerfully, study and meditate upon the teachings of his gospel. Our obedience is the evidence that shows the believers relationship with God. Therefore, true knowledge of God is gained through the understanding of his word, and this leads to our willing desire and ability to obey him, which shows the fulness of his love within us.

Ephesians 5: 1 – 2,....be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children....walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour....

So, as believers, we are called to reflect the kindness, the tenderness, the love, the compassion, and the forgiveness of God. All of these qualities come through living a life in spirit and in truth, under the leadership and guidance of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Now, because our union is with Christ, we are encouraged to follow Christ, especially with our attitudes, and in our actions. Therefore, we are called to be Christlike, by imitating his life and his character, growing in his faith, his mercy, and his grace, being conformed to his likeness, transformed into his image. The only way that we will grow and mature in God's grace, and in our faith in him, is to put aside the characteristics of the old nature, which influences the choices that we make, choices that are unacceptable to God.

Hebrews 12: 1,....seeing we are compassed about....let us lay aside....the sin which doth so easily beset us....

So, let us ask ourselves this question, do we as believers, imitate Christ in every thought that we think, in every word that we speak, in every deed that we do, and in everything that motivates us. If our life is hidden in Christ, then God, has given unto us the ability to do just that. Our inner life should be seen in our outer behavior and attitude, and it should reflect the characteristics of God. So, while humanity lives in mortality, our lives as believers will reflect our immortality through the saving grace of Christ Jesus. Therefore, we are to strive to be Christlike, so that others may be able to measure the stature of the fullness of Christ Jesus through us. We are the representatives of an omnipotent, omniscience, omnipresent God, as we live our lives here upon this earth.

Colossians 3: 3,....for ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God....

The most basic aspect of our life in Christ is that we are one with him. This means that every sin that we have ever committed, past, present, and future, was dealt with on the cross, and by his resurrection, we now share in the same life as Christ. So, as believers, we possess eternal life, for just as Christ was raised from the dead, so are we, who are in Christ, raised into our newness of life in him.

Romans 6: 4,....we are buried with him....into death, that like as Christ was raised up....by the glory of the Father, even so we should walk in newness of life....

Our ultimate goal as believers, is to live like Christ lived while he was on this earth, and that is in total dependence upon God. This means we are to live as God desires us to live, no matter what the situation or circumstances that we face in our life. God knows the importance of our life, but even more importantly he knows the significance of abiding in his Son, Christ Jesus. Therefore, we are called to abide in Christ, for without him we can do nothing, and we are powerless to do anything that is of any eternal value that will glorify God. Failure to abide in Christ, means living an unfruitful life, which is of little or no value to God's eternal purpose and plan. Only as we abide in him, and rest in his love, and trust in his word, and seek after his will, can we walk in his ways, and bring glory unto God. As we abide in him, we will then be empowered by his indwelling Holy Spirit, therefore, we have become an outward example, and a living testimony of the saving grace of Jesus Christ to humanity.

John 15: 4,....abide in me, and I in you....as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me....

It is very important for us as believers to have a clear understanding of our relationship with Christ. Through the word of God, we come to understand that Christ is our mediator unto the Father, so we must remain attached unto him. As being a part of the body of Christ, through our union with him, now we have become fruitful, holding fast unto him through our obedience. Therefore, believing in the truth of God's word gives unto us the assurance that his promises are sure, and that he alone is the only sufficiency of our life. So, we seek to rest in his love, and abide in his grace, every moment of everyday. By his will, he gives unto us the wisdom, and the strength that we need to face all of life's circumstances.

John 5: 19,....then answered Jesus and said....I say unto you, the Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do, for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise....

John 12: 49,....for I have not spoken of myself, but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak....

The word of God is given so that all men might believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and that by faith believing in him, we may have life through his word. In order, to show forth the will of the Father, Christ had to humble himself unto death. In order, for us to accept the will of the Father, and carry it out in our life, we must be humble, and we must be willing to sacrifice those things which we value in the world and then seek after those things which have eternal value in God.

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Christ is the living word, which was made flesh, so that he might show unto us the glory of the Father through the life that he lived here upon this earth. Therefore, as we study, and meditate upon that living word, we do so that we might retain the same Christlike characteristics and show unto others the glory of God. Our willing submission to Christ, to carry out his perfect will, and to maintain an uninterrupted relationship with him, which will demonstrate a life lived, that is full of spiritual understanding that allows us to show unto others, that we are following after, and living by the example of Christ, which is our only true means of ever experiencing the hope of our eternal life.

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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