

Mt Lebanon Church/ Big Isaac Community Church

Sunday School Lesson

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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. 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.

Jesus Cast Out Legion

Mark 5: 1 - 20

So, what does it mean to cast the demons out of our life. First of all, as believers, there can be no actual demons living within us, for the Holy Spirit dwells within us. So, it means that diligently and actively, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we must overcome those negative characteristics in our life, which would be the sinful habits, the worldly emotions such as fear and anger, despair, and any and all self-righteous behaviors that shift our perspectives away from the things which encourage us in our life in Christ to the things that attack us and hinder our relationship with God. Therefore, in order to recognize these characteristics that can negatively influence our lives, we must come to know that by faith believing in Christ Jesus we have been freed from the impact of the sinful traits of this world. Now, in order to overcome, we must acknowledge the existence of these sinful characteristics in our life by developing our spiritual senses through the guidance of the spirit of God, which is a self-awareness that is based upon the inner struggles of the reoccurring sufferings that we have within. Now, yes, life will present unto us the experiences that our conscience most desires, and just because we are experiencing it this does not mean that it is an experience that we need, nor is it one that God wants us to become a part of. Facing our inner demons, which is a term often used to represent the negative characteristics that we are encountering, is a part of life, and if we are not careful it may seem that we are losing the battle. Now, even if we live a long life upon this earth, it is still a short period of time compared to eternity and for this reason there will always be deception that will offer unto us a way out of our miseries, which would seem to be an easy way to go through life, but these are only temporary feelings that will not last. Therefore, the only true solution is when by faith believing we allow Christ to cast out the demons of our life so that we might fully experience the goodness of his grace, his mercy, and his love for all eternity.

Mark 5: 1 – 8,....they came over unto the other side....immediately there met him....a man with an unclean spirit....and no man could bind him, no, not with chains....he had often been bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces, neither could any man tame him....night and day....he was....in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones....but when he saw Jesus....he ran and worshipped him....and said, what have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God, I beseech thee by God that thou torment me not....he said....come out....thou unclean spirit....

So, is there such a thing as hopeless people living in hopeless situations. The world in which we live would like for us to believe this to be true, so it offers unto us situations and circumstances of instability, loss, and suffering, which are conditions that seem to be impossible to change, conditions that will lead us into a false sense of direction, leaving us living in a struggling emotion of worldly fear, which will cause us to feel powerless, with the sensation of giving up, and it is all due to our lack of faith and trust in those things which are outside of this materialistic world, which is our faith in Christ. This means that hopelessness is a learned behavior that is taught unto us by the world, through the experiences that are created due to mans sinfulness, and which can lead us into a perception of negative circumstances, which we feel are inevitable in our life, leading us astray by the promises of the world that are ultimately unreliable. For this reason, we find ourselves searching for hope in a world that we believe is hopeless. But, as believers, we know that true hope is possible, and can be found in a higher power, and that higher power is Christ Jesus. Sadly, there are many that have a knowledge of this higher power but still reject it.

Isaiah 41: 9 – 10,....thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men....and said unto thee....thou art my servant, I have chosen thee, and will not cast thee away....fear thou not, for I am with thee, be not dismayed, for I am thy God, I will strengthen thee....I will help thee with.....my righteousness....

Unto the believer, the higher power of God is always present, and with this he promises to provide strength unto those who will trust in him, with the assurance that there is no need for worldly fear in our life. Therefore, while worldly fear is a natural reaction, Gods divine strength and power is far greater than any threat of worldly fear, for it is his presence that is our reason not to fear. Therefore, when we have days that we feel abandoned, rejected, dishearten, alone, and afraid, we know that we are more than conquerors through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8: 37 – 39,....in all things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us....for I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor heights, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God....

Gods love, for those, who by faith, have believed and accepted, is an absolute security, which is guaranteed through Christ Jesus. It is not dependent upon worldly or human circumstances, but it is an everlasting covenant, an eternal commitment between God and those who have by faith believed in his Son, Christ Jesus, and nothing is able to sever our relationship with him.

Mark 5: 9 – 20,....what is thy name....my name is legion, for we are many....he besought him....that he would not send them away....now....unto the mountains a great herd of swine....the devils besought him....send us into the swine....Jesus gave them leave....entered into the swine....ran....into the sea....they that fed the swine....told it....went out to see what....was done....they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed....sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind....they begin to pray him to depart out of their coast....Jesus....saith unto him, go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath has compassion on thee....

In our life as believers, by our growing faith, and through our spiritual maturity we have come to understand that Christ has absolute authority over all things, and there are no actions taken without his approval. Therefore, this disrupts man's thinking that he himself has the ability to control his own life. Christ authority embraces all of creation, which includes not just the physical world, but the spiritual realm as well, for it extends over both heaven and earth.

Matthew 28: 18,....Jesus....spake unto them, saying, all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth....

This declaration of Gods divine authority not only serves to provide reassurance and encouragement of his absolute and eternal power unto all believers, but it also empowers us as believers to go forth with the confidence to show unto others that Christ is present within us, and he is actively involved in the works which we do, revealing unto the world around us the saving grace of Jesus Christ, by our testimony of his crucifixion and resurrection.

Matthew 28: 19 – 20,....go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost....teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world....

Christ commission unto mankind has always been and always will be to spread the gospel of truth unto all the world. Now, this is not limited to specific groups of people, but it is directed unto all of mankind no matter what race or religion that they may be. This commission also goes much further than the conversion of lost souls, for it involves the teaching, and the training of new believers, so that all might have the ability to pray, and to study, and to meditate on the word of God, seeking the wisdom, and the knowledge, and the personal understanding that can only come from him. Therefore, as believers, we receive his instruction, for we are enabled by the power of the Holy Spirit, and we live to do his good work. God has entrusted unto us the ability to share the truth of his gospel until everyone has heard, therefore we called to learn of him, and to keep learning of him, so that we might mature in our faith, so that as we grow in our spiritual life we will become teachers, with the desire to tell all those whom we come into contact with of the love of God, that can be found through the saving grace of his Son, Christ Jesus.

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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