

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.

Our Eternal Purpose in Christ

Ephesians 3: 8 – 12

The word of God, which instructs us and reveals unto us Gods plan and purpose for all of mankind is more than just an accumulation of stories and religious teachings. God's word reveals unto us, that before the foundations of the world as we know it, he determined a plan of salvation for all of humanity. Now, through the study and meditation of his word, the Holy Spirit will help us to see this eternal purpose, that Christ, through his saving grace, has brought into our lives. It was Gods eternal plan that required Christ to come and to live upon this earth as a man, and to give his life as a sacrifice for our sin, and then he was resurrected by the Father, and now he sits in his eternal glory, at the Fathers right hand. Therefore, we can now be redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, and where some will receive the eternal kingdom that God has prepared for them, others will reject Christ and receive eternal punishment. Therefore, God has always had a purpose, which was predetermined before the world began, and this purpose involved a plan whereby all of mankind can be forgiven of their sins.

Hebrews 6: 17 – 20,....God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability (unchangeable stability) of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath....that by two immutable (unchangeable) things....it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation....to lay hold upon the hope set before us....which hope we have as an anchor of the soul....ever Jesus, made an high priest....

Gods' oath, which is the promise of his word, is absolutely reliable, because these promises are based upon the very nature of God. God is the supreme God of the universe, he is all powerful, he is all knowing, and his presence is everywhere at all times. He is the creator of all things, master of all things, ruler over all things, and he is the giver of life, which is to say our physical life here on earth, and as we believe upon his Son, by faith believing, he is the giver of our eternal life with him. Therefore, he is the head of the body of Christ.

So, what are these two unchangeable things that Paul speaks of in Hebrews that will give unto us our eternal purpose. The first one is Gods promise of Christ living within us, which means that through the crucifixion and the resurrection, God has given unto us the ability to receive the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the second one is Gods promise of his word, which is founded upon the unchanging truth of his righteousness. These two immutable, or unchangeable things are represented by the entirety of his word.

So, if you will turn with me to: Let us take a look at our eternal purpose in Christ.

Ephesians 3: 8 – 12,....unto me, who am less then the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach....the unsearchable riches of Christ....and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery....to the intent that now....might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God....according to the eternal purpose which is purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord....In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by faith of him....

All of humanity is specifically appointed by God, had we not been appointed by God we would not have been brought onto this earth. Sadly, not all who are appointed by God accept his appointment. For those of us who do accept his appointment, we understand that we have received it by grace, through faith. We also understand that Gods ways are beyond are understanding, therefore, our knowledge comes from God and not by our own design. As we recognize Gods incredible mercy and grace, it is then that we see our humility in Christ to be the very least of all who are in the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11: 31,....for if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged....

As believers we can avoid the judgement of God if we judge ourselves first, but it must be with sincerity and in truth, according to our obedience in the word of God. This means that we must search our own lives, by the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, so that we may see the sinfulness that separates us from our fellowship with God, and then we must accept the opportunity to confess these sins so that we might be forgiven, so that our fellowship with God might be restored. If we fail to judge ourselves, and if we fail to honestly confess our sins unto God, then will we face the consequences of our sinfulness through his righteous discipline. It is only because we are redeemed and identified with Christ that we have the privilege to fellowship with him.

Hebrews 12: 1 – 2,....let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us....looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith....

The proper response for us as believers is to purposefully and willfully repent of our self-righteousness and then strive to fulfill the purpose and plan that God has in store for us in our life in Christ, for Christ, who is our ultimate example, shewed unto us the possibility of living a life of righteousness in God. He did so by resisting all of the temptations that were put before him, for he had a firm understanding, that his suffering was a fulfillment of Gods eternal plan.

Psalm 32: 5,....I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid, I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin....

Even though we are justified by grace through faith in Christ, sin still retains some authority in our lives, and often time we willingly allow ourselves to be influenced by the temptation and the deception of this sinfulness. Although nothing can break our union with God, sin severs our communion with God and breaks our fellowship with him. Therefore, we must take every thought captive and walk in the light of our life in Christ, and if we confess our sinful acts and attitudes, then Christ will forgive us, and cleanse us, and restore us into his righteousness.

Which is:

Ephesians 3: 11,....according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord....

God has always known his plans for us and has revealed them unto us through his word exactly the way in which he has prepared them for us to live by. Therefore, God will work all things according to the counsel of his will. This plan was revealed in Christ, who is the fulfillment of the word of God and even though mankind has always known about Gods eternal plan, we did not always understand it, nor did we always want to understand it. Today many in the church still do not understand the significance of Christs sinless life, which brought about his sacrificial death and resurrection so that all of humanity could be saved.

2 Timothy 1: 9 – 10,....who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given in Christ Jesus before the world began....but is now made manifest by the appearing of our savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel....

So, our salvation is not the basis of great deeds, but it only comes by the power of God. Salvation is Gods purpose and grace that is revealed in the calling of every human being. Therefore, all must come to recognize that our work is not based upon our own self-righteousness, but it is based upon the divine calling of God in our lives, and for those who have been saved, we have a holy calling, for we are called to be set apart unto God, and to live a godly life that is well pleasing unto him. God saves us, and then he calls us to live a holy life in him, and he did this, not because we deserved it, but because this was his plan for us from the beginning of time, so that Christ, by Gods mercy and grace might bring his eternal purpose into our lives, and so that we might come to know our eternal purpose in 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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