

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 Gods word.

Serve Christ without Fear

As for me and my house....we will serve the Lord!

Luke 1: 74 – 75

Do we as believers recognize Gods calling in our lives, and when that we do, what is our response, do we respond with the willing desire to follow after his purpose and plan in our life. Now, we often time wonder about Gods calling in our life and the things that he has called unto us to do, and If we allow worldly fear to be a part of our service unto the Lord, it will overcome our obedience unto him and it will hinder our faith and our trust in him, and therefore cause us to harbor doubt concerning the spiritual promises that are given unto us by God. As servants of Christ, we have been given many gifts, and talents, and abilities, to use in the furtherance of the gospel of salvation, and to also bring glory to God. For it is God who hath given unto us, these unique gifts, to bring the gospel of truth to lost souls. All gifts, whether we deem them to be great or small, are significant, and are always to be used for the glory of God. But when worldly fear comes, due to the lack of our faith in Christ. If we allow it, this fearfulness will dictate how that we live our life in our service unto God, which in turn will allow worldliness to have dominion over us. Therefore, we are reminded through the word of God that:

2 Timothy 1: 7,....for God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind....

One thing that we know for sure is that God does not give the believer a spirit of fear, but he does provide unto us the power of self-control over worldly fear in our life, and this self-control comes through his grace, his mercy, and his love. Therefore, we must never be ashamed of our faith in Christ, but we must always rely upon the strength of God so that we might face the challenges in our life with the ability to endure the sufferings that come with it. We must remember that God is bigger than all of our fears, and he will deliver us from them. So, for the sake of the gospel, we are encouraged through his word, while facing hardships in our lives that our confidence is not of ourselves, but our confidence is in the power of God, which is provided unto us by his indwelling Holy Spirit. So, let us embrace a life of courage, which is inspired through the love of God, and gives unto us the assurance to share our faith with others according to our obedience to his word.

2 Peter 1: 10,....wherefore....brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure....

So, this morning if you will turn with me to: Let us find out what it takes to serve Christ without being overcome by worldly fear....

Luke 1: 74 – 75,....to grant us, that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life....

At some point in our life in Christ, every believer will experience worldly fear in the midst of our service to God. So, let us remember that experiencing worldly fear is not a sin, but allowing this fear to control our lives, and to keep us from doing the will of God will bring about sinfulness in our life. We must learn that our obedience to God is not rewarded just because it is the right thing to do, but our obedience comes because of our love, our faith, and our trust in him. The ultimate purpose of our salvation does not come to life due to our own self-righteousness, but rather due to living holy and righteous lives before God. God has granted unto us deliverance, so that we can serve him free from the fear of condemnation and persecution of the world. Those who trust in God will accomplish his promises, for they will see his promises fulfilled, which gives unto us the testimony of our salvation in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 2: 24 – 26,....if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they, may come to their senses, and escaped the snare of the devil....

Our salvation, which comes through Gods act of granting unto us repentance, is a free gift from God. But for it to be a free gift it must be accepted and received by us in faith believing in order for us to participate in it, and to enjoy it. As believers, we must accept the responsibility of salvation, in order to gain eternal life, lest the rejection of this free gift bring about eternal separation from God in hell. So, as a guideline, a servant of the Lord should refrain from worldly pride and lustful desires, for these things oppose the truth of Gods word, causing us to become restless and impatient, hindering our ability to guide others into the saving grace of Christ Jesus. Paul here gave Timothy four positive characteristics to live by: We must not strive or attempt to accomplish Gods purpose on our own, we must be gentle, kind, compassionate, loving and forgiving, we must teach patience, and we must instruct those who are down and out, assuring them that God will save if only we will acknowledge the truth of his word.

1 John 5: 11 – 15,....this is the testimony, that God has given unto eternal life, and this life is in his Son....that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God....

As believers, we are assured through his word that God hears our prayers, but only when we pray according to his will, which means that our desires must align with his desires, rather than just praying unto him for are own purposes. Therefore, when we surrender ourselves completely unto God, then we have his promise that he is listening with a divine attention to answer. The answer may not always be what we would consider to be favorable unto us, but it will be an answer that is beneficial unto us, and one that glorifies God. This truth brings us confidence, and allows us to understand that through salvation, we have eternal life in Christ. Therefore, let us allow God to remove the weight of worldly fear, and doubt from our life, and let us understand the truth of our salvation.

Matthew 22: 36 – 40,....love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind....you shall love thy neighbor as thyself....

Mark 12: 30,....with all thy strength....

So, let us ask ourselves this question, can we as believers, speak these words with spiritual honesty and truth. Can we as believers express our love for God in such a way that shows our total commitment unto him. Now, we might answer yes, but in all spiritual honesty, if we cannot perform the truths of God's word, then we cannot truly express our commitment unto God. For it is only through Gods spirit of love that makes salvation and eternal life possible to all mankind. Therefore, as believers, we must follow after the truth of our salvation without fear. Which means that we must continue in our obedience to the word of God.

1 John 4: 11 - 14,....if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love has been perfected in us....

So, how do we know when the love of God is beginning to perfect itself in us. It is when we study, and meditate, and pray, and allow the word to begin to make positive changes in our lives. We must remember that Gods word is Christ himself, and he wants to change our life for the better through our obedience to him. So, allow me to leave you with this last piece of understanding today.

James 1: 22,....be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves....

In order, to serve Christ, without fear, we must step out of our worldly emotion of fear and step into the fullness of our faith in God, and we must do this every day, and in everything. The world will always see our fears and attack those vulnerabilities that we have in our life. And although Satan cannot remove the gifts, talents, and abilities that God has given unto us through our salvation, he can by deception and worldly fear cause us to become believers that are hearers only of the word only, those who never allow the light of our salvation to shine forth, so that others may see the goodness, greatness, grace and mercy of God, within us. So, let us always pray that we might be found serving God without worldly fear according to the obedience of his word.

Let us pray.

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