

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. Below please find my sharable thoughts, so please allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word to share.

A Worthwhile Purpose

Ephesians 2: 1 – 10

Whether believer or non-believer, whether we would like to admit it or not, having a worthwhile purpose in life is one of mankind's most primary needs. So, what do we consider to be a worthwhile purpose? The word of God is very clear in stating that no man could have any greater purpose in life than to serve God in such a way that will glorify him for all eternity, for we soon learn that a life lived only for this world is ineffective and fruitless.

Ecclesiastes 12: 13,....let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter, fear God, and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man....

Life is to be all about glorifying God, but man wants to glorify himself. Now, when we focus upon ourselves it brings us to envy those who seem to have no worldly cares, nor do they consider their what their ultimate end will be, and if we are not careful it could cause us to fall into those same worldly characteristics.

Psalm 73: 3,....for I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked....

Yes, even as believers we tend to envy those who seem to be successful, those who do not care how they came by their success. Now, envy is a result of the sinful nature, but as believers we are encouraged to be spiritually content in our salvation.

Philippians 4: 11,....not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content....

So, our purpose in life, and that is the purpose for which God has created us, is so that we might glorify him, and have fellowship with him through our relationship with his Son, Christ Jesus. In turn, this will bring us into a right relationship with others, so that we might allow the saving grace of God to shine forth, and to show the abundant life that he desires all mankind to have. So, he tells us in:

Ephesians 2: 1 – 3,....and you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins, wherein in time past ye walked....according to the prince and power of the air....among whom also we all had our conversation....fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind....

So, before our spiritual birth, we were separated from God, dead in our trespasses and sins. We could not save ourselves, and we were living according to the world, unable to act upon our own, which means that we were unable to please God. This was our natural state without Christ, but we are told: you hath he quickened. So, through Christ, by the grace of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit, we have been made alive. Therefore, by living righteously, it signifies our profound transformation where God imparted unto us eternal life, raising us up together with Christ. Therefore, we are quickened together with Christ, enabling us to walk righteously in him, rather than in the ways of the world.

Colossians 1: 12 – 14,....giving thanks unto the Father....who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son, in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sin....

So, God rescued us, when by his Son, Christ, we were established by his authority into a new and eternal hope. It is a declaration of our faith in Christ Jesus that allows us to experience the profound love of God that changes our spiritual identity and destiny forever. Understanding Gods profound act of grace motivates us as believers to live worthy of our calling. Now, as we align our life with the divine purpose of God, we begin to reflect his character through humility and spiritual maturity, serving others in a way that glorifies the one who called us into his grace. Therefore, it is all about living a life according to the standard of our spiritual identity as a chosen vessel of God, for our actions should match our new spiritual life in Christ, which demonstrates that we belong to him.

Ephesians 2: 4 – 7,....but God, who is rich in mercy....wherein he loved us....hath quickened us together with Christ, by grace are ye saved....and hath raised us up....and made us sit together in heavenly places....that....he might show....his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus....

So, spiritual death can only be removed by the redeeming blood of Christ. Therefore, by grace we have been saved, and we have passed from death unto eternal life. Being alive in Christ assures us of a new life which is not likened unto the one which we lived when we were spiritually dead. The way that we live our new life in Christ should be a testimony to all those around us, a testimony of our relationship with God, this is why we must seek his forgiveness.

Colossians 2: 13 – 15,....and you, being dead in your sins....hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses, blotting out the ordinances that was against us....and took it out of the way, nailing it to the cross....having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it....

Before we were in Christ, being dead in our trespasses and sins, our spirit was dead toward God and was not functioning as God had intended. But God not only implemented the need for perfection within us, but he also provided a way for us to become perfect in him, through his Son, Christ. Our sin was judged forever at the cross, and will never be judged again. Forgiveness not only means freedom from Gods eternal punishment, but it means that we can have a living relationship with him.

Ephesians 2: 8 – 10,....for by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast....for we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them....

Salvation is available only by faith, and while other religious movements and actions depend upon our own personal effort. All that we are, and all that we have is because of God and God alone. Our goal, every day, should be to live Christlike, and that we would serve him unconditionally. God saves us so that we might have a true relationship with him, and so that we might have freedom from sin, which gives unto us the motivation to share the love of our salvation through the good works that he has instilled within us.

Everything that God creates has value, and through the redeeming blood of his Son, he sanctifies us for his service. He forms us in the way that he wants us, which is for his purpose, and despite imperfections, God knows exactly what he is doing, and he promises to finish the work he has begun within us, allowing his light to shine forth through us.

2 Corinthians 5: 21,....for he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him....

So, all of mankind is created in the image of God, regardless of whether or not they put their faith in his Son, Christ. Therefore, the life of everyone is purposeful, and meaningful, in the sight of God our creator. Through faith believing in Jesus Christ, Gods image shines forth, and as we live in him, he lives in us. Everyone who has trusted in Christ can be sure that he is able to supply all of our needs, because we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, and we have been blessed with a new life in him, and eternal life with the Father, and now we know that our life has a worthwhile purpose.

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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