

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. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

Worshipping God in His Sanctuary

1 Chronicles 16: 23 - 33

How important is fellowship within the body of Christ for the believer. Now, gathering together is not about physical attendance, but it involves actively encouraging one another in the love of God and in good deeds in preparation for the Lord's return. Now, regular fellowship is vital for the believer's spiritual growth, for our life in Christ is not meant to be lived in isolation from other believers. Even though all believers are spiritually united in heart and in mind, we are not to give up coming together, for we are called to strengthen, and to build one another up in the body of Christ. We can only reach our full potential in Christ when we allow God to show unto us our spiritual maturity through our fellowship within the body of Christ, therefore, every member of the body of Christ is essential and valuable. Through Christ, God puts believers together as living stones, to be built into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood with Christ as the foundation stone. It is through our relationships with other believers that we live out the faith that we profess, so that we can become all that God has destined for us to be.

1 Peter 3: 3 – 6,....ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious....whom coming, as unto a living stone....chosen of God, and precious....as living stones....built up a spiritual house....to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ....behold I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone....precious....

Believers are not just individuals, but we are Gods dwelling place, a collective, active body of worship. It is our call to live out our faith daily as God's representatives, offering ourselves unto him to be used for his good works. Therefore, we are individually chosen as Gods dwelling place for good deeds, for good works, and for our willing service unto him. Believers are the living stones of the church, an essential part of the building of God, who is the one that places us just where he wants us to be, secured by Christ, and designed for his glory.

1 Chronicles 16: 23,....sing unto the Lord, all the earth, show forth from day to day his salvation....

All of mankind is invited to proclaim the salvation of God, and worship him, which will lead the believer to share that salvation with others, fulfilling the great commission of Christ. This universal call connects Old Testament worship with the mission of the New Testament covenant, creating an ongoing lifestyle that reveals Gods faithfulness in sharing salvation to the world.

Psalm 96: 1 – 2,....sing unto the Lord a new song....all the earth....shew forth his salvation from day to day....

Everyday with God is meant to be an original one-of-a-kind circumstance, for God is a creative God whose newness has no boundaries. Therefore, we are to pursue after the former things of Christ, and we are not to dwell upon the past.

1 Chronicles 16: 24 – 27,....declare his glory....his marvelous works....for great is the Lord....he also is to be feared....the lord made the heavens....glory and honor are in his presence, strength and gladness are in his place....

So, as believers, we are to recognize, proclaim, and live our life in Christ in a way that reflects his character through our obedience and righteous actions, acknowledging his greatness by our faith. We are to manifest Gods goodness through worship and praise, and through righteous living by our personal testimony, with sacrifice and humility, bearing in our body his divine image in which we are created.

2 Corinthians 4: 10,....bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body....

The things that we experience as believers, we experience so that the life, the power, and the glory of God can be revealed and demonstrated through us, which will bring the knowledge of eternal life unto others. Therefore, when we die to self, it will make the life of Christ more evident in our life, which means that we are participating in him, allowing his life to shine forth through us.

Gods' presence within us is a symbol of his dwelling place that foreshadows us as temples of his Holy Spirit, where his divine glory and greatness shines forth in our life. This is the pathway whereby we receive the uniqueness of our salvation.

1 Corinthians 6: 19,....know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God....for ye were bought with a price, therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit....

Because we were bought with a price, we are called to worship God in his sanctuary, which is our body, and it is to be used for his glory in service unto him. This means that the ultimate purpose of our body is to honor God through our actions, our choices, and our lifestyle. Our body is a part of Christ body, which is the church, and we are united with him, sacred vessels, to be used for his good works in serving others.

1 Chronicles 16: 28 – 33,....give unto the Lord....give unto the Lord glory and strength....give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name....come before him, worship the Lord....fear before him....let the heavens be glad....let the earth rejoice....let men say....the Lord reigneth....let the sea roar....let the fields rejoice....they shall....sing out at the presence of the Lord, because he cometh to judge....

The promises and commandments of God's word are given unto the body of Christ as warnings, with encouragement, because worshipping God in his sanctuary, in these earthen vessels, has apparently stalled due to our lustful desires and sinful actions of the world. Therefore, God encourages us, as believers, to once again enter into his presence, and worship him rightly, and in order to do so, we must be cleansed of all our unrighteousness.

1 John 1: 9 – 10,.... if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness....if we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us....

So, how important is it to maintain fellowship with God. Maintaining fellowship means that instead of rejecting and disagreeing with God, we must agree with him concerning our wrongdoing, acknowledging our need to confess while earning his forgiveness, which comes with the promise of a restored communion with him. Those who desire to have a genuine relationship with God must become obedient to his word.

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....

Worshipping God in our body means using our physical being as a living sacrifice unto him. Honouring him with all that we have through our actions, by his purpose, recognizing that we are truly the temple of his indwelling Holy Spirit. Our life in Christ is all about becoming who we are in our faith in God, for we are a reflection of his image, to be used for his 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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