

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.

Believers Are Complete in God

Philippians 1: 1 – 6

The saving grace of God allows us as believers, to put away the mindfulness of the world, and it brings us into remembrance of the goodness of his mercy, and his grace, which can only be done by casting all our cares upon him.

1 Peter 5: 6 – 7,....humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time, casting all your cares upon him, for he cares for you....

Our life as a believer is going to be tempted with heartache, with sorrows, with trials and tribulations, but these things do not have to have fulfillment in our lives. By willingly submitting to Gods authority, and acknowledging his control over life, he will, in his own time, help us to accept humility, trust, and patience, recognizing that heartache and sorrows, trials and tribulations, are all a part of his plan for our spiritual growth. It is a call for our complete faith and trust in him.

Philippians 1: 1 – 6....Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Christ, to all the saints....grace be unto you, and peace, from God....and from the Lord Jesus Christ....I thank....God upon every remembrance of you....always in every prayer....making request with joy....for your fellowship in the gospel....being confident of this very thing, that he who has begun a good work in you will complete it....

As believers, we need spiritual encouragement, for it prompts us to know that we are not alone, and it strengthens our faith in the promises and commandments of Gods word. It inspires us to live for Christ by doing his good works, and it is a constant reminder that we are valued by God.

1 John 5: 11 – 12....this is the testimony, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his son....

Christ is not only the source of our life here on earth, but he purchased our salvation for us, and by faith believing in him we can have eternal life. This is a truth, confirmed within us by the spirit of God, and by our confidence in his unchanging word. This encouraging message of our salvation is an absolute necessity for our faith in Christ. Therefore, our spiritual encouragement comes from the truth of our salvation as God empowers us to live out that reality, finding our strength in him and realizing he is actively working in us to accomplish his purpose.

John 6: 35,....Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life, he, who comes to me shall never hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst....

Christ is the source of eternal life, he is the one that gives us life, and sustains life, both physically and spiritually. Therefore, as believers, we are complete in God, and his completeness comes through his word. The bread of life provides eternal satisfaction for our spiritual hunger and thirst, which leads to a lasting fulfillment, giving our life in Christ meaning and purpose. Christ is the only one who can truly satisfy the most fundamental needs of our soul.

So, let me give you three characteristics that encourages our life in Christ.

1 Corinthians 13: 13,....now abideth faith, hope, love these three....

These three characteristics are essential for the believer's moral, righteous values. These virtues are permanent, and vital, and they have an intended outcome on the believer's life, so, we must continue to grow in them, and they will continue into eternity. These are not just worldly feelings or emotions, they are actions that we demonstrate, reflecting Christ. So, let's start with faith:

Romans 5: 1 – 2,....therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God....by where also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God....

It is our faith in Christ that makes us right with God, and by this we gain a restored, peaceful relationship with him, which is a declaration of our new life that is achieved through the sacrifice of Christ. Now, because we are justified by our faith in Christ, we are no longer under condemnation, but we are in a relationship of peace with God. We now stand secure in his amazing grace, and this security allows us to look toward the future glory that we will share with him. Therefore, our faith leads to hope, and it is by our faith in Christ that we come into a place of undeserved favor with God. So, to believe we must have faith, the kind of faith that says I am living my life in Christ, living it in the light of things that have not yet taken place, things that God has planned for my future, things that I cannot see. Let's move on to hope:

Romans 8: 24 – 25,...for we are saved by hope, but hope that is seen is not hope, for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?....but if we hope for what we see not, then do we with patience wait for it....

As believers, we are saved into a state of future hope, but this unseen hope requires patient endurance, for true hope looks forward to what is not yet seen. Therefore, as believers, we wait, through the power of the Holy Spirit for God's glorious fulfillment. Now, if we already have something, we will not hope for it, unless it involves anticipating a future that we have not yet fully realized. The hope of our eternal life with God is our future, so, we must wait with patience, and endurance, with perseverance, by relying on the spirit of God. As believers, we have been saved from the penalty of sin, all the while living in anticipation of the full reality of our salvation, a future hope of God's glory that strengthens our life in Christ. Therefore, our hope in God encourages us to endure the difficulties of this perfect life with a steadfast faith, and with the expectation of a glorious, promised future with God, knowing that our waiting strengthens and prepares us for all things to come. Lastly love:

1 John 4: 16,...and we have known and believed the love that God hath to us....God is love, and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him....

The truth of our life as believers involves knowing and trusting completely in God's love, living in that love and abiding in his presence, allowing his divine love to be the evidence of our faith. This love is not a worldly emotion, but it is a demonstrated reality that signifies our spiritual maturity and intimate relationship with God. For this reason, as believers, we should be expressing the love of God unto others, for there is an expectation that we act upon his love, therefore, since love originates with God, and if we are walking in him, we should be demonstrating his love unto others. God's love is perfected in us through our daily confidence in him, and this confidence will give unto us the capacity to understand what his love really is, and how we can express that love unto others. To love God means to be obedient to him and to his word, which means that we should show his love with sincerity through our good works and deeds. We must be willing to live in the fulness of his love, because he first loved us.

Colossians 2: 10,....ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power....

As believers, we find the fulness of our joy through Christ Jesus, who embodies the fulness of God. This signifies his authority and power, providing us with purpose and a firm foundation, fully equipping us for his purpose. As believers, our salvation provides us with a complete finished work in God, which means that we now have everything necessary to have an intimate relationship with him. Therefore, instead of attempting to earn God's favor, we now rest securely in his grace through our obedience to his word. Therefore, the assurance of our salvation is based upon the confidence of our completeness in God, and there is no one or nothing that can take this away from us. As believers, we now begin to understand that we are complete in God when we have no doubt about the reality of our eternal salvation.

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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