

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.

Seeking, Our Father, Our God

John 20: 11 - 17

As believers, God does not want us to merely see him as the distant creator of all mankind, but he wants us to experience him, recognizing the privilege of being adopted into his family, through our faith in his Son Christ Jesus. Now, this brings us into a relationship with him, one that is loving, and one that gives unto the confidence to wholly and completely trust and depend upon him. It means seeking him alongside other believers, acknowledging that we are all a part of the same spiritual body of Christ. God wants us to have a willing desire to know who he truly is, a desire that will change our daily identity in such a manner that others might see us as a beloved child of his. This change comes through a life of prayer and obedience, making him the center of focus in our life.

Psalm 63: 1 – 4,....O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee, my flesh longeth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land....to see thy power and thy glory....because thy loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee....thus will I bless thee while I live, I will lift up my hands in thy name....

Gods desire for us as believers is to have an intense and intimate trust for his divine fellowship over our own personal and physical needs, prioritizing him as the ultimate satisfaction of our life. To do this, he wants us to use past experiences, starting with the time of our justification, when we first recognized his power and his strength by his divine presence in our life, when our body became his dwelling place. This motivates and encourages us to earnestly follow after his will, and in doing so, we will find total fulfillment in his presence, rather than in the worldly circumstances around us. Seeking his presence in our daily life means prioritizing his steadfast, unfailing love in all that we do.

John 20: 11 – 17,....Mary stood without at the sepulcher weeping, and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulcher....and seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain....they said unto her....why weepest thou....she saith....because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where....when she had thus said, she turned....and saw Jesus standing, ands knew not that it was Jesus....Jesus said....woman, why weepest thou....whom seekest thou....she....saith....tell me where thou hast taken him....Jesus saith....Mary....she turned....and saith....master....Jesus saith....touch me not....but go to thy brethren, and say....I ascend to my Father, and your Father....to my God, and your God....

Now, over the past three Sundays we have been working up to the importance of celebrating the resurrection of Christ. And if you remember, we spoke of the time of denial that we all go through in our life, denial that we must overcome in order to be brought into a willful service unto God. But before this service could be made effective in our life, we had to learn the true meaning of forgiveness, forgiveness that can only come from God, through his Son Christ Jesus. So, now that we are maturing in our spiritual life, let us understand what the resurrection means to us as believers. The resurrection gives unto us the assurance that sin no longer has any power over our life in Christ. Why, because that debt was paid, when victory was claimed, death was conquered, and we now live in the hope of our eternal life with God. So, through his resurrection, Christ extended unto us as believers, that same intimate relationship that he has with God, as both Father and God. So, through redemption we have a sovereign God, and by adoption we have a heavenly Father. So, now this relationship in Christ moves us away from our old physical, earthly presence, to a relationship that is secured by a direct access to God. As believers, we now possess the same fatherly relationship with God that Christ has. There is now a connection between ourselves and God that can never be broken, for his Father is now my father, and his God is now my God. Due we now understand the importance of the resurrection and why we celebrate, why we give all glory and honor and praise to God our Father, through Christ, by the presence of the indwelling holy Spirit in our life.

Romans 6: 5 – 12,....if we have been....together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection....knowing this....our old man is crucified with him....the body of sin....destroyed....henceforth we shall not serve sin....if we be dead with Christ....we shall also live with him....Christ being raised from the dead....death hath no more dominion over him....he died unto sin once....he liveth unto God....likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be....alive unto God....let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body....

As believers, we have a spiritual union with Christ, we shared with him in death to sin, and we share with him in a new life to resurrection. We died to the old so that we might live to a new empowered life with him, both now and eternally. We are empowered to live for God, and not to obey the sinful, lustful desires of the flesh. Now, this does not mean that we have a sinless perfection, but it does mean that the power of sin that once controlled our life has been broken, and we are now empowered to live a life that glorifies God and reflects the righteousness of Christ.

Colossians 3: 1 – 3,....if ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above....set your affections on things above....for ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God....

Today and everyday in our life in Christ should be a celebration of his resurrection. As believers, spiritually we died to sin, and we are risen with Christ, for we have adopted into a new heavenly perspective for our life, and that perspective is the desire to see all of mankind come to saving grace of God through his Son Christ Jesus. Our new identity is defined by our life in Christ through our relationship with God our Father. Therefore, with discipline, by obedience, we must focus on the promises and commandments of Gods word. The decisions that we now make in our life are to be based upon those things which glorify God and not on the temporary, materialistic things of the world. We have been resurrected in the spirit, made alive in Christ, and united in a relationship with our God and our heavenly Father. Therefore, let us prioritize our spiritual realities in like manner, focusing only on Christ, aligning our thoughts with Gods thoughts, and showing others what salvation is truly all about, living in the light of our salvation every moment of every day without excuse.

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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