ULaity Missionary Baptist Church Bible Study 1:00 PM October 10, 2020.

Subject: Living A Life of Accountability to God.

Being accountable to God requires us to be able to give an account to God for the relationships, actions, and decisions we make in this world.

I. How do we Live Accountable Lives to God?

A. We live an accountable life to God by the way we live our life based on God's Word and especially the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Romans 14:7-12

- ⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself.
- ⁸ For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord.

Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

- ⁹ For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.
- ¹⁰ But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.
- ¹¹ For it is written: "As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God."
- ¹² So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

B. We live an accountable life to God based on the way we treat or behave toward one another.

Romans 14:13

¹³ Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in *our* brother's way.

C. We live an accountable life to God based on our service to all men by practicing the example set by Christ .

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

- ¹⁹ For though I am free from all *men,* I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more;
- ²⁰ and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those *who are* under the law, as under the law, that I might win those *who are* under the

law;

- ²¹ to those *who are* without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those *who are* without law;
- to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all *men*, that I might by all means save some.
- ²³ Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with *you*.

D. We live an accountable life to God by maintaining a righteous and disciplined life that follows the example set by Christ.

1 Corinthians 9:24 - 27.

- ²⁴Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it*.
- ²⁵And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for* an imperishable *crown*.
- ²⁶Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as *one who* beats the air.
- ²⁷But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

II. How are we As Christians accountable to God for our relationships, actions and decisions during this life?

A. We live as responsible Christians when we change the actions of our sinful bodies by the renewing of our minds by taking on the mind of Christ which is the perfect Will of God.

Romans 12:1 – 2.

¹I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service.

²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Philippians 2:4-7

- ⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.
- ⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

- ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,
- ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men.

B. We live as responsible Christians when we live a Holy life every day.

1 Peter 1:13 - 16.

¹³Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; ¹⁴as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, *as* in your ignorance;

¹⁵but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct,

C. We live as responsible Christians when we always demonstrate love for one another.

Romans 12:9 - 10

⁹Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

¹⁰Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another.

D. We live as responsible Christians when our relationships with others demonstrate that we have the Mind of Christ working in us.

Romans 15:2-6.

- ²Let each of us please *his* neighbor for *his* good, leading to edification.
- ³ For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me."
- ⁴ For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.
- ⁵ Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,
- ⁶ that you may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

III. How is a Life of Accountability to God Guided by Our Christian Belief and Faith in God?.

¹⁶because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

A. We believe through faith; that God IS; that God is in control of the world; and that God is in control of our lives.

Hebrews 11:5 – 6.

⁵By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him";[™] for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

⁶But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

B. We believe in and accept God' Son, Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

John 10:7 – 10.

⁷Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

⁸All who ever came [⊠]before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.

⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

¹⁰The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

C. We have faith in the guidance of the Holy Spirit of God.

John 14:25 - 26.

²⁵ These things I have spoken to you while being present with you.

²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

1 Corinthians 2:10 – 12.

¹⁰But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

¹¹For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.