

What Must I Do to Be Lost?

Intro. 1) “. . . to be saved?” Greatest question ever asked.

a) Acts 2:37 – Day of Pentecost

b) Acts 9:6 – Saul of Tarsus

c) Acts 16:30 – Philippian Jailer

2) Perhaps – most important because it affects eternity

3) But – for a group who has heard it so often –

a) A more interesting question might be . . .
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b) Before we answer – Let’s ask . . .

I. Is it possible to be lost?

Yes – for the Bible teaches of:

A. Hell

1. Mt. 10:18 – “Fear not him – able – destroy the body – but hear him
– able – destroy body & soul in hell.”

2. Mk. 9:43-48 (READ)

B. Condemnation

1. Mt. 23:33 – “Pharisees . . . how shall ye escape the judgment of
Hell?”

2. Jn. 5:29 – “. . . they that have done evil shall come forth from the
lamb unto the resurrection of damnation.”

C. Day of Judgment

II Cor 5:10 – “We must all appear – judgment seat – receive things done –
body – according to what done – good or bad.”

D. Lost Things

1. Sheep 2. Coin 3. Son (Luke 15)

II. Upon what basis might one be lost?

A. Sin

1. All one must do to be lost is to sin.
 - a. I Jn. 3:4
 - b. Jas. 4:17
 - c. Rom. 3:23
2. Greatest problem from beginning of time
 - a. Jas. 2:26
 - b. Gen. 2:17

B. The topic of all the Bible

1. Ezek. 18:20 – “. . . soul – sinneth – die”
2. Prov. 11:19 – “He that pursues evil pursues it to his own death.”
3. Rom. 6:23 – “Wages of sin is death . . .”
4. Jas. 1:15 – When lust hath conceived – sin – finished – death”

III. What is the solution to the problem of sin?

A. Jesus Christ!

1. Heb. 9:28 – “Christ was offered to bear the sins of many”
2. I Pet. 2:24 – “Christ bore our sins in his body upon the tree, that we, having died unto sin, might live unto righteousness.”
By His stripes we were healed!
3. I Jn. 3:5 – “He was manifested to take away our sins” (Jn. 1:29)
4. II Cor. 5:21 – “Him who knew no sin – God made be sin on our behalf – that we might become the righteousness of God through Him.”

B. The solution is available – Now!

1. But many are in state of denial
 - a. Like the denial stage of grief.
 - b. We recognize the fact of sin.
 - c. But we deny the reality of it.
 - d. Hoping to awake one day from bad dream.
2. But – we must never discount the tragic consequences of sin in our lives:
3. Because of sin – we are lost already (if not in Christ)
 - a. No need to wonder – “What must I do to be lost”
 - b. Rather – our question today:

IV. What must I do to remain lost?

- A. #1 – Reject Christ (All you gotta do)
 1. He is the only hope of salvation
 2. Don’t have to be an atheist – just fail to respond to his invitation
 3. What is Christ’s relationship to the lost?
 - a. Lk 19:10 – “. . . come to seek and save . . .”
 - b. Jn. 14:6 – “way – truth – life – no one cometh . . .”
 - c. Acts 4:12 – “. . . no other name . . .”
 - d. Jn. 12:48 – “He that rejects me – receives not my sayings – hath one – judgeth – the words . . .”
 - e. Jn. 15:5 – “You can do nothing without me.”
 - f. Like rejecting a line when drowning.
 - g. II Tim. 2:12 – “If we deny him – He will also deny us.”
- B. #2 – Refuse to obey the Gospel.

1. God as always demanded obedience.
 - a. Deut. 11:26-28; 28:15 – READ
 - b. I Sam. 12:15 – READ
 - c. Jer. 12:17 – “If they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy.”

2. Disobedience will most certainly be dealt with.
 - a. Eph. 5:6 – “Wrath of God cometh upon children of disobedience”
 - b. II Thes. 1:7-8 – “to you that labor, rest with us – when Lord Jesus revealed – heaven – angels – fire – taking vengeance – know not – obey not.”

3. God expects obedience.
 - a. Mt. 7:21 – “Not everyone – saith – Lord – Lord”
 - b. Heb. 5:8,9 – “Though Son – learned obedience – became author – obedience . . .”
 - c. Jas. 1:22 – “Be doers of the word – not hearers only.”
 - d. Mark 16:16 – “He that believeth”
 - e. Acts 2:38 – “Repent and be baptized . . .”

4. Rom. 1:16 – “Not ashamed – gospel – power”
To refuse to obey – to be lost.

- C. #3 – Do nothing.
 1. Heb. 2:3 – “How escape if neglect so great salvation?”
 2. Ezek. 33:9 – “If thou warn the wicked to flee from wicked ways – and he refuse – he shall die in his iniquity, but thou has delivered thou soul.”
 3. Heb. 12:25 – “See that ye refuse him not that speaketh.”