

"IF I AM LOST"

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Why did Christ come? (Lu. 19:1-10) says to "seek and to save that which was lost."
- B. How did He plan to accomplish this?
 - 1. While He was alive - personally
 - 2. Immediately after His death - through the Apostles
 - 3. Today - through His word
 - a) If no one will be lost, then His word is of no use.
 - b) If we are predestinated, then what does it matter?
 - c) If we are free moral agents, then we can choose whether to be saved or lost.
- C. Life is uncertain, but death is a sure thing. We must choose before we die. If you do not exercise your choice to be saved, then you will be lost.
 - 1. (Amos 4:12) - Israel was told to "prepare to meet thy God." And so must we, are you ready?
 - 2. If we choose saved, our reward will be everlasting life.
 - 3. (Hosea 4:6) - Israel was rejected for lack of knowledge, we too can be rejected if we choose to ignore God.

II. DISCUSSION - In a few moments you will have an opportunity to exercise your choice... But, What If I Am Lost? Let us examine a few points dealing with this question.

- A. I Will Not Be Alone
 - 1. Eve was not alone, she was with the Devil and later Adam (Gen. 3:1; Mt. 7:13,14).
 - 2. Rich Man (of Lu. 16:19-31) was expecting his brethren.
- B. I Will Be Lost Forever, (Mt. 25:46)
 - 1. Sinners will be sent to eternal punishment. (Mt. 25:41; 2 Thes. 1:7-9) - suggest that Hell is eternal!
 - 2. No second chance will be given, there is no purgatory. (Rich man Lu.16:19-31)
- C. I Will Suffer A Double Loss
 - 1. I will lose joy, rest, peace, saved of all ages, Christ and God, (Mt. 8:11,12).
 - 2. I will suffer: misery, despair, wailing and darkness.
- D. It Will Be My Fault, (Jn. 6:66,67).

III. CONCLUSION

- A. There are those that desire that you not be lost.
 - 1. Angels in heaven, (Lu. 15:10)
 - 2. Some of the lost (rich man).
 - 3. The church at this place.
 - 4. The Holy Spirit.
 - 5. Christ - (Mt. 20:28; Titus 2:11-14)
 - 6. God - (Jn. 3:16)
- B.. Then If I Am Lost...
 - 1. I'll Not Be Alone - who do I influence? Loved ones. friends? Will they follow in my footsteps?
 - 2. I'll Be Lost Forever - Torment will be eternal, (Mt. 18:8,9) says everlasting fire.

3. I'll Suffer a Double Loss - The loss is irreparable and as we've just seen, the suffering eternal.
4. It Will Be My Fault

C. Prepare to Meet Your God

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