

# THE LOST

LUKE 19:10

WHAT?

IN DARKNESS-JO.12:46-COL.1:13 BLINDED BY SATAN-2COR.4:3,4 WITHOUT GOD, CHRIST & HOPE-EPH.2:12 SEPARATED FROM GOD-2TH.1:7-9 E. PUNISHMENT-MT.25:46 NO 2ND CHANCE-LK.16:19-31

WHO?

UNRIGHTEOUS	UNBELIEVER	DISOBEDIENT	LOVE NOT TRUTH	WAYWARD	MORALLY GOOD

WHY?

1COR.6:9-10 MK.16:16-REV.21:8 1PET.2:7-8 2TH.2:10-12 2PET.2:20-22 ACTS10:1,2-11:13,14  
 TRANSGRESSION OF GOD'S LAWS GAL.6:7-8 IGNORE-REFUSE GOD'S WORD JO.1:11 REFUSING TO COMPLY ROM.2:8 PREFERRING MAN'S WAYS TO GOD'S MT.15:8,9-COL.2:8 NEGLIGENCE INDIFFERENCE HEB.2:1-3 TRUSTING OWN GOODNESS ROM.3:23

WHAT DO?

BE WASHED 1COR.6:11-ACTS18:8 BELIEVE & OBEY ACTS16:30-34 OBEY CHRIST HEB.5:9 LOVE & OBEY 1JO.3:18-1PET.1:22 REPENT & PRAY ACTS8:22 BE BAPTIZED ACTS10:48

Steve Hugins, Via <http://executableoutlines.com/charts>

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



- [www.defendthegospel.com](http://www.defendthegospel.com)
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- Children's Class: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 5:30 pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evenings following services.



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 "They...searched the scriptures daily..." -Acts 17:11

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## WHY SOME DON'T OBEY

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Peter asked, "what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?" (1 Peter 4:17). Paul gave the grim answer when he drew the picture of the Lord being revealed from heaven "In flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel... These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord..." (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). So why do some refuse to obey? Because they're...

**Deceived By Satan.** Some are deceived into thinking they've been too sinful for God to forgive. That's the devil's lie. God was willing to forgive even those who crucified His Son on the cross (Acts 2:36-38). Paul reminded the Corinthians that some of them were, "fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, homosexuals, ... thieves," et al. Too sinful for forgiveness? No! Paul went on to say, "But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified..." (1 Corinthians 6:9-11). No one has been so evil that they cannot be saved, and no one has been so good that they need not be saved. Many are deceived into thinking they are already saved, when in reality

they are still in their sins. These are those who have bought into the "Faith only" doctrine. Man says "Faith only," God said "not by faith only" (James 2:24)." Obedience is essential for salvation (Matthew 7:21; Hebrews 5:8-9).

**Disgusted By Saints.** Not faithful, devoted saints. Rather, the ones who are hypocrites. These are they who "Worship" on Sundays but live like the devil in between. People notice! How often have we heard, "I'm not going to that church, there are hypocrites there?" But sadly, this does not excuse the sinner. Hypocrites or not, the Lord expects obedience. Hypocrisy existed among God's people long before the church age, and even among the first leaders of the church (Galatians 2:3-4). God still demands obedience!

**Doubtful About Steadfastness.** Some lack confidence that they can live a holy life. The Lord does require serious changes in our life (Acts 17:30; Colossians 3:3-10), but being a Christian is a growth process (2 Peter 1:5-11), and God is patient and longsuffering and blesses the Christian with access to prayer, to His Gospel, and to brethren in Christ for encouragement and strength in the Lord.

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**COME WORSHIP WITH US!**

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00  
 SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00  
 SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00  
 WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

# SELFISHNESS

Michael Pickford

*“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”*

-Philippians 2:4

A man named Albert Camus is credited with saying, “To be happy, we must not be too concerned with others.” He couldn’t be more wrong! I’ve found that one of the best ways to overcome depression, to get oneself out of that blue funk, and to start feeling more fulfilled in life and less stressed over personal problems and challenges, is to come to the aid of someone else. Doing a good deed makes one feel good! It makes others feel good as well.

Contrary to the quote above, the Bible says, “Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others” (Philippians 2:4). It’s not that we are to neglect

self. We’re not to forget about caring for our own needs and even our own interests. But we must keep from allowing our interests to overshadow those of others. We must keep from allowing our own pursuits in life to blind us to the needs of those who share this globe with us.

While we’re laboring under our own burdens, we must seek out opportunities to help others with theirs. *“Bear one another’s burdens...”* (Galatians 6:2). You don’t have to look far for someone who might need some assistance with their burden(s). It might be mowing a yard for a neighbor, giving an elderly person a ride to an appointment, writing a check to a family member in need, or simply speaking a kind, uplifting word to someone who’s feeling defeated. If you want to shine among others, treat others as if they outshine you. 🔍

## SERMON NOTES

*Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.*

**STUDY DAILY!**  
Acts 17:11

### The Circle Of Salvation

Introduction:

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II. \_\_\_\_\_

III. \_\_\_\_\_

#### DUTY LIST...

##### SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Robert Johnson  
Reading: 2 John 8-11
- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Opening Prayer.....Sam Miller
- Lord’s Table:  
Lead.....Kenny Todd  
Serve.....John Nelson  
Serve.....Ben Reagh
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

##### SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Lord’s Table.....Kenny Todd

##### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Invitation.....Michael Pickford

**Home Bible Studies Available Upon Request!**

#### GOD’S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

**Obey Today!**

#### THIS WEEK’S MESSAGE FOR OUTSIDE SIGN

(Thanks to anyone who can stay after services tonight and help change the sign.)

**BOTH SIDES:  
ASSEMBLY REQUIRED!  
HEBREWS 10:25**

***MEN’S BUSINESS MEETING TONIGHT!***

