

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

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What it Means to Be Lost



The lost are  
**LOST WITHOUT HOPE**  
Ephesians 2:12

The lost are  
**DOOMED TO A PRAYERLESS LIFE**  
John 9:31 • Proverbs 15:29

The lost are  
**WITHOUT SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS**  
Ephesians 1:3

The lost are  
**WITHOUT REDEMPTION**  
Romans 3:24

The lost  
**WILL BE CAST INTO HELL**  
Revelation 20:15

The lost  
**WILL DIE TWO DEATHS:**  
1. **PHYSICAL DEATH** - Hebrews 9:27  
2. **SPIRITUAL DEATH** - Revelatin 20:15

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**Times of Services:**

Sunday

Bible Study:... 10:00am  
AM Worship...11:00am  
PM Worship:...6:00pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday:.....1:30pm

Wednesday

Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program

Sunday:.....7:30am  
"Back to the Bible"  
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**We Extend A  
Warm & Cordial  
Welcome  
To All Our  
Visitors!**

**A DESIRE FOR HEAVEN**

Wayne Coats (1926-2013)

It is the truth that no normal person can live in heaven without having a strong desire to enter therein. It is said of the ancient Hebrews that, "Now they desire a better country..." (Heb. 11:16). The country in which we live is indeed a sorry place from several viewpoints. The law of Jehovah is spurned, rejected, denied and often laughed at. The morals of the country are scarcely above that of rats and rabbits. Political chicanery and dishonesty runs rampant. Faithful children of God often despair and long for better days. It matters not how wicked this old world gets, the Christian must continue to live and walk by faith (2 Cor. 5:7).

We can have many desires but none can equal the desire for a better country. We can follow the example of these ancient Hebrews who desired a better country. Those faithful people were busy seeking a better country (Heb. 11:14). Almighty God does not force His abode on careless people.

Hebrews chapter 11 presents a portrait of those who offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice. Consider the great effort which the people expended. It was by faith that "the elders obtained a good report" (Heb. 11:2). God rewards those who, "diligently seek him" (v.6). Abraham desired the city which had foundations whose builder and maker is God (v.10). The walls of Jericho fell down after they were compassed about seven days (v.30).

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God hath prepared for His people a city which should be desired above all else. The city of God is a heavenly place. It is the “habitation of God.” “The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men. From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth” (Psa. 33:13-14). God has provided some better thing for us (Heb. 11:40). Why will people refuse to live and walk by faith, rejecting the better things of God?

The provision of God holds in store a better resurrection (Heb. 11:35). Such will be a better place. There will be no pain nor sickness in that better place. Can we not think what it will be, and thus desire to live in heaven?

The peerless apostle not only wanted to be saved, but he wanted others to reap the reward. He declared, “...my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God” (Rom. 10:1-2).

The apostle wrote, “For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven. If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life” (2 Cor. 5:2-4). We sincerely trust that each reader will earnestly desire to inherit life eternal with the Savior. Think of the alternative.

The apostle worked and prayed that others might be saved. He declared, “And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises” (Heb. 6:11-12).

**Baptism & Mark 16:16**

Tim Canup

Just before His ascension, Jesus instructed His disciples, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:15-16). There have been several arguments made against the necessity of baptism based on this passage.

Argument #1: Many in the religious world teach that baptism is not necessary to salvation because, in the second clause of this verse, Jesus did not say, “...he that believeth not **and is baptized not**, shall be damned.”

Consider the illustration of this parallel statement: “He who lays a foundation and builds a house thereon, shall have a place to live; but he who does not lay a foundation will not have a place to live.” According to this statement, what is involved in having a place to live? Laying a foundation and building a house on it. If you do not lay a foundation, there will be nothing upon which to build. The same is true concerning the statement that Jesus made. Faith is our foundation (cf. Hebrews 11:1)

and without faith, a person will have nothing upon which to build; that is, they will not seek to obey Jesus’ commandments. In John 3:18, Jesus said, “He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

Also consider the statement: “He that eats and digests his food will live; he that does not eat shall die. In this statement, we can understand what is necessary in order to live: eating and digesting. However, in the second clause, we also can understand that if one does not eat, then he has nothing to digest. Therefore, it is unnecessary to say that if one does not eat and does not digest his food will not live. It is unnecessary (and redundant) for Jesus to say, “But he that believeth not **and is baptized not** shall be damned.” Without faith, no one will seek to obey God, including His command to be baptized.

Jesus clearly taught that more than faith was necessary to obtain salvation when He said, “He that believeth AND is baptized, shall be saved...”

Argument #2: Some, unable to explain away Jesus’ clear words that contradict their teaching of salvation by faith alone, suggest that the oldest manuscripts do not contain the last 12 verses of Mark 16 and therefore, they do not belong. They also suggest there are many new words that are not found anywhere else in the book of Mark; however, a careful and detailed study reveals that more new words are found in the 12 verses prior to these that are not found anywhere else in the book. While only two of the oldest manuscripts are missing these verses, the vast majority of them do contain them. Regardless, the teaching of Jesus of the necessity of baptism is found throughout the New Testament, such as Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; I Peter 3:21, just to name a few.

In Mark 16:16, Jesus clearly set forth the conditions of salvation. Let me break it down: Jesus said “He {applies to everyone} that believeth {or has faith – compare John 8:24 & Hebrews 11:6} and {a coordinating conjunction that links two equal parts together} is baptized {or literally. to be immersed} shall be saved {or obtain salvation from sin, compare Acts 22:16}; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” From your own Bible, read this verse and check below what Jesus actually said:

\_\_\_ “He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved...”

\_\_\_ “He that believeth and is saved, shall be baptized...”

*“And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him” (Hebrews 5:9).*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Sept 25 – Prayer Service
- Oct 2 – Men’s Business Meeting & Ladies’ Bible Class after Evening Worship
- Oct 9 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Worship
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell