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If I Am Lost

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I.) Introduction

A.) Lk 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

1.) Try to find the right directions if you get lost, and do not be misled by false instructions.

2.) The Bible is our guidebook of instructions to Heaven.

a.) We need to watch out for people who will give us misleading directions.

B.) Amos 4:12 Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Isreal: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Isreal.

1.) Life is uncertain, but death is sure; we have to prepare for eternity while we are here.

2.) Death is a serious concern to You; are you ready?

3.) In Luke 19:10 (Read above) christ is looking for those that are lost in this world, and to help them to a safe home.

c.) Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

1.) Knowledge is the key to finding our way home.

2.) In our quest for knowledge and understanding we need to be carefull of those misdirections, because if we take the wrong road, someone else may follow us and be lost also.

II) I will not be alone

A) Thats the pity of it, there are so many people that are lost in the world.

a) There is someone who will miss you; friends on earth and Christ in Heaven.

B) Rom 14:7 For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

a) Eve was not alone in the garden.

1) Gen 3:1-6 pg 3

2) The serpent talked Eve into taking of the tree of life; and Eve talked Adam into eating of it.

a) This was the original sin.

3) You can say that what they did, their children suffered.

b) Narrow way to Heaven.

1) Mt. 7:13-14 pg 1020

a) Christ is sending us down that road; with all those temptations waiting for us if we step off that road.

b) Only a small percent of the people that have, or will, live here will get all the way down that narrow road.

c) Rich man and Lazarus.

1) Luke 16:19-31 pg 1105 27-28

a) Rich man wanted his brethren saved.

C) If you are a leader, you will not be alone. Think of all the people who are following your example and will be lost with you.

a) Figuratively speaking - St Peter opens the pearly gates and there is no one waiting to come in.

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III.) I will be lost forever.

A.) Mt 25:46 And these shall go away into "everlasting punishment": but the righteous into life "eternal".

1.) Hell is for eternity

2.) There is going to be no chance to be saved after you have died.

a.) Rich man wanted some relief from the torment.

b.) Lk 16:24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

1.) Torment of hell - no songs of joy, no peace or comfort. FOREVER

IV.) I will suffer double loss

A.) I will lose the joy, peace and rest from my labours, and the association of God, Christ and the saved of all ages.

1.) Mt. 8:11-12 pg 1021

B.) I will suffer the misery, despair, wailing and the outer darkness.

1.) This loss is irreparable and the suffering is eternal.

V.) It will be my fault - These do not desire it.

A.) God

1.) Jn 3:16 For God so loved the ~~the~~ world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

a.) God sent His Son to earth so that we could have a chance of a home in heaven.

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2.) II Pet 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should parish, but that all should come to repentance.

a.) God promised us a home in Heaven; It is up to us to pay for that home in Heaven while we are here on earth.

B.) Christ

1.) Mt 20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many.

a.) Christ gave His life for all of us, not for a select few.

2.) Titus 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a pecalian people, zealous of good works.

a.) Non-conformists - not doing something because everyone else is.

b.) Button wearers.

3.) Heb 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

a.) Christ suffered that death on the cross for us.

1.) Everyone of us has the same chance to get to Heaven because of the love of Christ.

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C.) Holy Spirit - wants us to come

1.) Rev 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come, and let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

a.) No one can force you to become a christian; you have to do it willingly.

D.) Angels in Heaven

1.) Lk 15:10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

a.) If there is joy when someone repents then there must be sadness when someone falls away from the church.

E.) The Church - made up of the best people in the world.

1.) I Tim 3:15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou ought'est to behave thyself in the house of God, ~~which~~ is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of truth.

a.) We all are leaders in the church, and all of us have to be good examples to everyone around us.

F.) The lost themselves do not desire it.

1.) Lk 16:19-31

a.) The rich man wanted relief and could not get it - he also wanted help for his brethren.

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VII.) a.) I alone am responsible for being lost.

A.) Will my children and family and friends suffer for what I did or did not do?

B.) How are you living today? Think seriously on this.

c.) Christ suffered and died for us.

D.) Heed His invitation when He says "come".