



What Must I Do to Be Saved?

- **Hear** the word of God (Romans 10:14-17; 1:16,17; John 17:17; Acts 11:14).
- **Believe** in Jesus Christ (John 3:16; Acts 16:30,31; Romans 10:9,10; Ephesians 2:8,9; I John 5:1; Galatians 3:26).
- **Repent** of past sins and turn to God (Luke 13:5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 26:20; II Timothy 2:19).
- **Confess** Jesus before men (Matthew 10:32,33; Rom. 10:9,10; I John 4:15; Heb. 10:23).
- **Be Baptized** for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Romans 6:1-6; Galatians 3:26,27; I Peter 3:21).
- **Abide** in the word of God (John 8:31; 15:6,7; I Corinthians 15:1,2; Revelation 2:10; I John 1:9,10;)

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Services

Sunday: 9:30 AM
10:20 AM
6:00 PM
Wednesday: 7:00 PM

Elders:

Pat Ledbetter
Jeff Nunn
Kyle Pope

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Dean Bowers
Eddie Cook
Bill Davis
Steve Dixon
Pat Goguen
Jack Langley
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More Joy in Heaven

By Kyle Pope

When I was a little boy I can remember times when my parents would give certain instructions or restrictions. Although at the time I may not have fully understood why these instructions were given, as time went on I came to understand the reason for them. I can still remember when I violated my parents' instructions, what hurt more than any punishment they inflicted was the simple fact that I had disappointed them. Fortunately my parents never degraded me or caused me to feel like a failure in such matters. Even so, what I could never escape was the realization that I had hurt my parents by disregarding their instruction.

Luke chapter fifteen contains three parables that address the same issue. Each of the parables deals with something which was lost being found. In each parable the principle that underlies each story is the truth that when we go astray, not only does God desire our repentance, but



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the misdeed actually causes the Creator grief and pain.

The first parable concerns lost sheep. Verse four reads—**“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which was lost until he finds it?”** (NKJV). That pictures God as the shepherd possessing a desperate, all-consuming love for the one lost sheep. In the parable the shepherd is so concerned that the lost sheep be found that he leaves the ninety-nine subject to the dangers of the wilderness. This reminds us of Peter’s words in 2 Peter 3:9 which tell us—**“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, [to come again] as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”** It is God’s true wish that all mankind come to faithful service to Him.

The second parable tells of a woman who lost a coin. It reads—**“...What woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light**

a lamp, sweep the house, and seek diligently until she finds it?” I wonder if we consider enough the effort the Lord has put forth to make salvation available to mankind? He has worked through the ages with those who rebelled against His will in order to raise up Jesus as Savior. He sent Christ to offer His very life that we might be saved. He preserved His written word for mankind even in the face of those who tried to destroy it. All so that we might be able to sit down, read, understand and obey. The parable goes on to say that when the woman found the coin she called her friends and neighbors saying to them—**“...Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which was lost!”** (15:9).

The third parable is about a prodigal son who wasted his inheritance on wild living then returned to his father, destitute. Many times when we rebel against God by rejecting His counsel and refusing to obey His will we don’t realize that we have caused our Creator pain. We think of ourselves as

living in our own little world, hidden and secret but the truth is we are always in God’s presence. Yet, just as our sin causes God grief, our repentance brings Him joy. The Father in the parable—**“...Ran and fell on his [i.e. the returning boy’s] neck and kissed him”** (15:20). Are you causing the Lord grief and pain or joy in your life? If grief then remember—**“...there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety nine just persons who need no repentance”** (15:7).

