

er's arms just in time for a jubilant Christmas.

How does God feel about those who are lost? In Luke 15, Jesus told the parable of the shepherd who left his flock of 99 sheep and went out into the desert to search for one that was lost. He also told about a father who waited and watched with anguished heart praying for the return of his prodigal son... and a lost coin.

Those stories reveal the heart of the heavenly Father. Indeed, God was so burdened for the lost human race that He made the costliest sacrifice He could make. He sent His Son into the world to die on the cross so that He could save lost sinners. And Jesus said that whenever a sin-abducted soul is found and restored to the Father's family, "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God" (Lk. 15:10).

Have you made heaven rejoice? --VCG

*I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew
He moved my soul to seek Him, seeking me.
It was not I who found, O Saviour true,
No, I was found by Thee. --Anon.*

**When we find Christ, we discover that
we were the ones who were lost.**



Central Mountains Baptist Church

MARCH 14, 2021

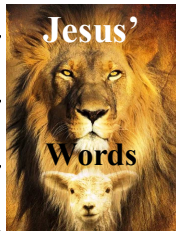
When The Lost Is Found



*The Son of Man
has come to seek
and to save that
which was lost. --
Luke 19:10*

Six-week-old Crystal Guerrero was kidnaped on December 16, 1993, from a Chicago health clinic. Her parents lived in emotional turmoil for a week, unable to eat or sleep.

Then an abandoned baby was found in a church. It was Crystal! She was unharmed and well. Imagine the family's joy, a joy shared by the whole country as the media spread the heart-warming news. The infant was back in her moth-



Lost! So What?

In Luke 15 Jesus' parables of the lost are teaching 4 lessons

1. We should _____ what is _____, verses 1-4, 8, 11-12, 29

(Luke 19:10) *for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."*

(Luke 5:31) *..Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.*

(John 4:35) *Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!*



2. We should _____ what is _____, verses 4, 8, 20

(1 Timothy 2:1-4) *Therefore I exhort .. that .. prayers, .. be made for all men, (1 Timothy 2:3) For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, (1 Timothy 2:4) who desires all men to be saved ...*

(1 Peter 3:15) *But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;*

3. We will have _____ over what is _____, verses 5-6, 9, 22-24, 7, 10

(Ephesians 2:1-9) *And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, (Ephesians 2:2) in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, ..., (Ephesians 2:3) among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, .. and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. (Ephesians 2:4) But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, (Ephesians 2:5) even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), .. (Ephesians 2:8) For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, (Ephesians 2:9) not of works, lest anyone should boast.*

(Psalms 126:6) *He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing, Shall*



doubtless come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves with him.

(John 4:36) *And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.*

4. Neither we nor heaven finds _____ over the _____ and _____, verses 7, 25-30

(John 3:3) *..Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:7) Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'*

(John 19:39) *And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds.*

(Titus 3:5) *not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,*

