

## Our Attitude Toward The Lost

Is my attitude toward the lost like Jesus' example?

## Introduction

- Sad reality – live in a world where most are lost
- We are commanded to teach the gospel to the lost that they might be saved
- Sadly – we are often stopped from doing this because of wrong attitude toward the lost
- Jesus, our Savior and Lord, displayed the perfect attitude toward the lost

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- Apostles followed Jesus' example and so should we that others may be saved just as we have been
- As His disciples, Jesus should determine our attitude toward the lost
- Like Jesus and His apostles, having the proper attitude toward the lost ought to lead us to sacrifice our time and efforts that they might be saved

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## Who Is Lost?

- Those who have never obeyed the gospel – idolaters
- Those who have obeyed what they thought was God's will – Jews and those in denominations today
- Christians who have fallen away

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## Idolaters Are Lost

1Th 1:9 For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God,

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## Misguided Followers of The Word of God Are Lost

Rom 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for *their* salvation.

Rom 10:2 For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge.

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## Fallen Christians Are Lost

Jas 5:19 My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back,

Jas 5:20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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## Jesus Loved The Lost And Desired Their Salvation

Luk 5:29 And Levi gave a big reception for Him in his house; and there was a great crowd of tax collectors and other *people* who were reclining *at the table* with them.

Luk 5:30 The Pharisees and their scribes *began* grumbling at His disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with the tax collectors and sinners?"

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Luk 5:31 And Jesus answered and said to them, "*It is* not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick.

Luk 5:32 "I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

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Luk 7:33 "For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon!'

Luk 7:34 "The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'

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Luk 7:37 And there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining *at the table* in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume,

Luk 7:38 and standing behind *Him* at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet and anointing them with the perfume.

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Luk 7:47 "For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little."

Luk 7:48 Then He said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven."

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Luk 19:2 And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich.

Luk 19:4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way.

Luk 19:5 When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house." 13

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Luk 19:8 Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much."

Luk 19:9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham.

Luk 19:10 "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." 14

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Luk 22:31 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded *permission* to sift you like wheat;

Luk 22:32 but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." 15

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Luk 22:33 But he said to Him, "Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!"

Luk 22:34 And He said, "I say to you, Peter, the rooster will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know Me." 16

## Jesus Died For The Lost So That We Could Be Saved

Rom 5:6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Rom 5:7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.

Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 17

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1Co 15:9 For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

1Co 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

1Co 15:11 Whether then *it was* I or they, so we preach and so you believed. 19

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Act 8:20 But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!

Act 8:21 "You have no part or portion in this matter, for your heart is not right before God.

Act 8:22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you. 20

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Luk 6:40 "A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.

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Mar 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

Mar 16:16 "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.

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2Co 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

2Co 5:11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences. 23

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2Co 5:14 For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died;

2Co 5:15 and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf. 24

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Col 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bonds slave of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God.

Col 4:13 For I testify for him that he has a deep concern for you and for those who are in Laodicea and Hierapolis.

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Gal 6:1 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; *each one* looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

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Jas 5:16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

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