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THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN BEING LOST AND BEING SAVED

INTRODUCTION:

In this lesson, I will describe the differences between being “lost” and being “saved.” First, I will discuss the fall of man and its consequences. Next, I will define what it means to be lost and where the lost go when they die. Finally, I will define what it means to be saved, the saved person’s threefold salvation, and where the saved go when they die.

THE FALL OF MAN:

The study of the lost begins in the Garden of Eden. Mankind fell as a race there. Mankind fell because of two individuals: Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve fell because they disobeyed the word of God. Below is the Biblical account of the events leading up to the fall of mankind:

Gen. 3:1-19 Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said

unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

We see then from the Biblical account of the “Fall” that Eve, tempted by the serpent, ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. She also gave some of the fruit to Adam, who also ate of it.

Adam and Eve’s sin caused them to lose their innocence, to become knowledgeable of good and evil, and to fear a Holy God. Both were forced out of the Garden to face certain death. Adam’s ability and desire to sin have been transmitted to his children and his children’s children for centuries. This ability and desire to sin is called a sin nature. Because of Adam we sin, because of sin we all die:

Rom. 5:12-14 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam’s transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

1 Cor. 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE LOST?

To be “lost” is to not know your direction, not know where you are, and not

know where you are going. Since the fall of mankind in the Garden of Eden, all of mankind has been born “lost.”

God speaks several times in the Old Testament of the people of Israel being “lost” sheep:

Jer. 50:6 My people hath been **lost** sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their restingplace.

Ezek. 34:2-6 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks? Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock. The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was **lost**; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them. And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered. My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them.

Ezek. 34:15-16 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD. I will seek that which was **lost**, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

When the Lord Jesus Christ came to this earth, His mission was to “seek and to save” that which was lost:

Luke 15:4-6 What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was **lost**.

Luke 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was **lost**.

Matt. 18:11 For the Son of man is come to save that which was **lost**.

The Apostle Paul also talked of the lost:

2 Cor. 4:1-4 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are **lost**: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

In the Bible, being lost means to be outside the will of God, to be out of fellowship with God, and to be under certain condemnation of God.

The lost are sinners:

Rom. 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, **for that all have sinned**:

Rom. 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience **many were made sinners**, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

The Bible's description of man in his lost condition is not flattering. From God's perspective, men do not have any righteousness of their own, do not seek after God, and their conduct is rebellious and sinful. They have no fear of God:

Rom. 3:10-18 As it is written, **There is none righteous, no, not one**: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes.

The lost are spiritually dead, disobedient, fulfilling the lusts of the flesh, and by nature the children of wrath:

Eph. 2:1-3 And you hath he quickened, who were **dead in trespasses and sins**: Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the **children of disobedience**: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by **nature the children of wrath**, even as others.

The lost are under God's wrath:

Rom. 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and **unrighteousness of men**, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

The lost are children of Satan:

John 8:44 **Ye are of your father the devil**, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

1 John 3:8-10 **He that committeth sin is of the devil**; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

WHERE DO THE LOST GO WHEN THEY DIE?

Immediately at physical death, the lost soul is sent to Hell. Eventually they will face the Lord Jesus Christ at the Great White Throne Judgment (which is after the Millennium) and will be cast into the Lake of Fire:

Rev. 20:14-15 And death and **hell** were cast into the **lake of fire**. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the **lake of fire**.

Rev. 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which **burneth with fire** and brimstone: which is the second death.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE SAVED?

The term "saved" in the Bible is almost always connected with the saving of life:

Gen. 47:25 And they said, Thou hast **saved** our lives: let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants.

Exod. 1:17-18 But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but **saved** the men children alive. And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have

ye done this thing, and have saved the men children alive?

New Testament salvation begins with a spiritual rebirth:

John 3:3-8 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.** The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

1 Pet. 1:22-23 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: **Being born again,** not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Salvation is available to the lost at the present time through the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ:

Rom. 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the **gospel of Christ:** for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is **eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

1 Cor. 15:1-8 Moreover, brethren, **I declare unto you the gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:** And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

New Testament salvation has three facets to it:

First, the saved person is saved from the penalty of sins past, present and future;

Rom. 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, **we have peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

1 Cor. 6:9-11 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: **but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.**

Second, the saved person is saved from the power of sin in the present;

Phil. 2:12-13 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. **For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.**

Third, in eternity, the saved person will be saved from the presence of sin in his person and in eternity in his environment:

1 Cor. 15:51-55 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

1 Ths. 4:14-17 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

WHERE DO THE SAVED GO WHEN THEY DIE?

Where will the saved go when they die? They will dwell in a place in heaven

called the New Jerusalem. It is the most magnificent and beautiful city that has ever been built. It is a place of extreme joy. In the New Jerusalem there will be no sickness, no pain, no sin:

Rev 21:1-4 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

CONCLUSION:

In this lesson, I described the differences between being “lost” and being “saved.” First, I discussed the fall of man in the Garden of Eden and how it has brought sin and death to mankind for generations. Next, I defined what it means to be lost and showed that the lost upon death go to Hell. Eventually however, the lost end up in the Lake of Fire where they will live forever. Lastly, I defined what it means to be saved and showed that the saved have a threefold salvation: they are saved from the penalty of sin, the power of sin, and one day they will be saved from the presence of sin. The saved in eternity will live in the New Jerusalem.