

Good News of Salvation in the Saviour’s Parables

This week – We continue our series of lessons based on some Parables of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord Jesus said, “There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.” *Luke 15v10.*

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Luke 15v8-10 (Rejoice, the lost coin is found)	
Monday	Romans 5v1-21 (Christ’s great love for sinners)	
Tuesday	Genesis 2v1-10,16-17 (God created Adam, a living soul)	
Wednesday	Genesis 3v1-24 (Adam & Eve sinned, and fell)	
Thursday	1 Corinthians 15v45-58 (Christ, the 2 nd Adam, perfect)	
Friday	Psalms 51 (Repentance, forgiveness, cleansing)	
Saturday	Hebrews 12v1-17 (Joy of Christ in saving sinners)	

Important Thought for us Today: What does the Bible mean when it describes us as being ‘lost’? In the beginning God created man (Adam) in His own image with a living soul. At creation Adam, and his wife Eve, were perfect, but God gave them freedom to obey or disobey. Genesis 3 explains how both Adam, and Eve, chose to disobey, immediately losing their relationship with God due to their sin of unbelief and rebellion. We all inherit this fallen state from Adam, so we too are separated from God, starting life in a ‘lost’ state of sin and rebellion from which we have no power within ourselves to change, making this lost state eternal. Thankfully, God takes the initiative using the quickening power of His Holy Spirit to change our hearts (Ephesians 2v1-10), such that our spiritual capability is renewed. Once changed we feel the conviction of our sin, and then cry out to God in repentance for forgiveness, believing that God The Son, Jesus Christ, died to take the guilt of all our sin on Himself. Out of His great love He seeks us out, to find, and save us. (See Luke 19v10).

Hymn 559 - speaking to us of the Lord’s wonderful love to those who repent and believe in Him:

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| <p>1. Loved with everlasting love,
Led by grace that love to know,
Spirit, breathing from above,
Thou hast taught me it is so.
O this full and perfect peace!
O this transport all divine!
In a love which cannot cease,
I am His, and He is mine.</p> | <p>3. His for ever, only His;
Who the Lord and me shall part?
Ah, with what a rest of bliss
Christ can fill the loving heart!
Heaven and earth may fade and flee;
Firstborn light in gloom decline;
But while God and I shall be,
I am His, and He is mine.</p> |
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EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

The Lost Coin.

- **The Lord taught this Parable to make us think of being Lost and Found.**
 - Have you ever been lost, and been so glad to be found?
 - Have you ever lost something precious, and been so relieved to find it again?
 - Do you feel ‘lost in your sin’? Do you want to be ‘found, and saved’?
- **The Woman Who Lost Her Valuable Coin Was Overjoyed To Find It.**
 - She was very worried. This was vital money to buy family food for the week.
 - She searched patiently, and diligently, using her broom, and a candle.
 - The coin lost its shine (tarnished) and value, useless & worthless until found.
 - She searched until she found it, calling her neighbours to rejoice with her.
- **This Parable is About Lost Sinners Being Found by The Lord.**
 - **God Notices Their Worth.** How amazing that God should be interested in us, out of all the millions of people in the world, even when we are lost in sin?
 - **We are Tarnished.** Adam’s sin ruined his living soul which had been made in God’s image. We inherit his sinful nature - God’s image in us is tarnished.
 - **We are Worthless.** Whilst lost in sin we are away from God - no use to God.
 - **The Great Search.** The Lord God, out of great love, sent His Son to die to save us. His love for us is so great that He persists in His desire to save us.
 - **The Inanimate, Lifeless Coin.** Without God’s help we would remain lost. God has to take the initiative. Only He can find us, change our hearts, and save us.
 - **Tools Were Needed.** God uses the Light of His Word to ‘shine into our heart’, and uses His Holy Spirit, like a broom, to awaken our conscience.
 - **The Coin Found and Restored.** Repentant sinners are ‘found, cleaned, and forgiven’, by the Lord, and held safely in His hands, now and for eternity.
 - **God’s Great Joy.** There is joy in Heaven over every sinner who is saved. It was for the ‘joy set before Him’, that the Lord Jesus came to earth as a perfect Man to willingly die in our place, on Calvary, in order to save us.
- **There is Great Joy In our Soul When We Are Found by The Lord Jesus.**
 - The knowledge of sins forgiven and forgotten by God is a wonderful soul experience. Do you ‘hear’ the Lord patiently calling you? Searching for you?
 - Every Gospel call for you to come in repentance and faith is that opportunity for your tarnished soul to be found, cleansed, and restored to God’s image so that you can enjoy Him for ever – now and in Eternal Heaven.

Do you have this wonderful experience of joy in your soul through knowing the forgiveness of our Holy God, granted us through the death of His Son?

The Apostle Paul wrote, “But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, whilst we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” *Romans 5v8.*