

Luke 15: 8-10; “The Parable of the Lost Coin”, Session # 7 – “Confessing With Your Mouth”, Presented by Pastor Paul Rendall on June 16th, 2024, in the Adult Sunday School.

Luke 15: 8-10 – “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?” “And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!’” “Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Review

The Woman searching carefully means that all of us in the local church, parents, singles, married couples, everybody who is interested in the salvation of the lost coin (the lost sinner in our midst) ought to search carefully for the reasons why that person is still lost.

1. It is possible that our children and others who regularly attend church do not really understand the truth of the gospel. They have misconceptions about it.

a. It is possible that they do not really understand what they should do to be saved.

Romans 10: 1-3 – “Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.” “For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.” “For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.”

2. It is possible that we ourselves do not know how to communicate the truth of the gospel in the right ways to lost people.

Question # 1 – How does the righteousness of faith speak? Don’t Do What? (verses 6 & 7)

Answer: They should not to attempt to do some great thing to find, or receive Christ. Like trying to go to heaven to bring Christ down from above, or descending into the abyss to bring Christ up from the dead. (vs. 6 & 7)

Question # 2 – What does the righteousness of faith say? (verse 8)

Answer: It says – Understand that the word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart, when you simply believe the gospel. (vs. 8)

Question # 3 – What should they confess with their mouth? (verse 9a)

Answer: They should confess that He is the Son of God, the only Begotten of the Father, sent into the world to save sinners like them. They should confess with their mouth what Jesus has already done, living a perfect life, fulfilling the Law, dying for their sins, and rising again on the 3rd day.

Question # 4 – What should they believe in their heart? (verse 9b & 10)

Answer: They should believe with their heart that God has raised Christ from the dead. And so, He can also raise them from their death in trespasses and sins, make them alive spiritually by causing them to be born again.

Question # 5 – Will they be disappointed or put to shame when these things are done?

Answer: They will not be put to shame, having put their faith in Him for salvation. When they call upon the Lord, they will be saved. (vs. 11)

Question # 6 – Is there any difference in the way a Jewish person is saved, from that of a Greek or Gentile person being saved? (verse 12)

Answer: There is no distinction between Jew and Greek. The same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.

Question # 7 – What does the word “rich” mean in verse 12?

Answer: The word “rich” means that God has a wealth of spiritual riches to bestow upon the sinner calling upon Him. He will freely give favor and all the blessings to the person to whom He will grant salvation.

Question # 8 – What must a person do in order to be saved, according to verse 13, and will they most certainly be answered favorably?

Answer: They must see themselves as a sinner, and call upon the name of the Lord Jesus in prayer, asking for the free gift of salvation. They will trust only in what He has done for them, by His righteousness, His sufferings, and His resurrection.

This is what we can tell our children and others who come to our church, and who we come into contact with whom we may have reason to believe that they are lost. They should not lean to their own understanding, or trust in their own supposed goodness, or in their good works to be saved. But they should trust in Christ alone. And He will give them grace leading to repentance and good works being done in His strength and to God’s glory.

3. The Scriptures tell us that there are very great reasons that we should tell our children about their need to confess Christ.

Verse 10 – “For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

Question # 9 – What does a person confess when they come to Christ for salvation?

Answer: They confess that they are a sinner who has broken God’s holy law in many ways, and fallen short of God’s glory in terms of their living their life to Him. They then especially confess that Christ is the Son of God who was sent into the world by the Father so that they themselves personally could believe in Him and find salvation through Him by calling upon His name.

Question # 10 – Why is confession of Christ so very necessary to salvation. Verse 10 says that “confession is made unto salvation”.

Matthew 10: 32 & 33 – “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.” “But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.”

Question # 11 – According to Jesus, what is the primary issue involved in our confessing Him before others?

Answer: It is the issue of allegiance to Him and all that He represents in terms what He alone can bring to us through, and by means of, His precious grace.

Mark 8: 38 – “For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

Question # 12 – Should any believer in Jesus Christ want to talk about the Lord Jesus, and what He has done for them, is doing for them, and will do for them in the future?

Answer: Yes, the mouth speaks that which fills the heart. If you have Christ dwelling in your heart and life, you will want to speak of Him and what He has done for you, to others. If this never takes place it ought to give us pause, whether it is in our own life, or in the life of others who profess to know Him.

Isaiah 45: 22-25 – “Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, And shall not return, That to Me every knee shall bow, Every tongue shall take an oath. He shall say, 'Surely in the LORD I have righteousness and strength. To Him men shall come, And all shall be ashamed Who are incensed against Him. In the LORD all the descendants of Israel Shall be justified, and shall glory.”

Question # 13 – What is it that the person is doing and confessing according to verses 23 and 24?

Answer: They are taking an oath of allegiance to Christ, to hold fast their confession of Him as their personal Savior. They are confessing that only in Him are righteousness and strength to become a Christian, and to live the Christian life.