

THREE CLASSES OF THE LOST

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Introduction:

1. The word of God makes it plain that all mankind out of Christ are lost. – Rom. 3:23
2. But there are different classes among this vast multitude.
3. I want us to consider at least three of these classes.
4. The purpose for doing so is that we might cause some that belong to these classes to think upon their way, and to turn to God before it is too late.

I. **FIRST, THERE ARE THE NEGLECTORS – Heb. 2:3**

- a. Many know the truth, but they have neglected to obey it.
 - i. They are like Felix – they are waiting for a “*convenient season*”. – Acts 24:24 – 25.
 - ii. They are like Agrippa – “*almost persuaded*”. – Acts 26: 28.
- b. We need to learn all that one has to do to be eternally lost is to just do nothing about being saved. – Acts 2: 40; Matt. 7: 21; 25: 1 – ff
- c. Are you among the neglectors???

II. **SECOND, THERE ARE THE REJECTORS – Luke 7: 30; Isa. 53:3; John 12:48**

- a. A rejector is one who thinks he is good enough, and does not require anything from Christ, or one who just outright rejects certain commands.
 - i. The good moral man.
- b. The Pharisees and Lawyers rejected John’s baptism. – Luke 7:30.
- c. Christ’s own people rejected Him. – John 1: 11 -12.
- d. Many in the first century rejected the gospel.
- e. There are many rejectors today:
 - i. The Modernist today rejects Him as the Son of God.
 - ii. The Jew today rejects Him as the Son of God.
 - iii. Men today reject His name for the names of men. – John 5:43
 1. Only in His name is there Salvation. – Acts 4:22.
 - iv. Men today reject His authority for the authority of men.
 1. Men have no authority. – Matt. 28:18
 - v. Men today reject His gospel for human doctrines. – Rom. 1:16
 1. Warnings against the doctrines of men – 2 John 9 – 11; Matt. 15:9; Gal. 1: 6 – 9.
 - vi. Men today reject His plan of salvation for the plans of men.

III. **THIRD, THERE ARE THE DESPISERS – Acts 17:32**

- a. The despisers are those that “mock” at the gospel. – Acts 17:32
 - i. Those that ridicule the miraculous, such as the resurrection from the dead.
 - ii. The Modernist is a despiser:
 1. He rejects the miracles of the Bible.

- 2. He believes the gospel is “social”.
- iii. The Atheist is a despiser.
 - 1. He does not believe in God and the Bible.
- iv. The Denominationalist is a despiser.
 - 1. He ridicules the necessity of being baptized for the remission of sins. – Mk. 16:16; I Pet. 3:21; Rom. 6: 3 – 4; Gal. 3:27
 - 2. He ridicules “one church”; he says there are “many churches”. – Mk. 16:18; Acts 20:28; Eph. 1: 22- 23
 - 3. He despises the worship of God.
 - a. He adds all kinds of human innovations to it.

IV. CONCLUSION

- a. Sinners that neglect, reject, and despise can be saved **ONLY** if they come to Christ in simple obedience.

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