

Who Will Be Lost?

2 Thess. 1: 7 – 9

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Introduction

1. The great masses today who are in a lost condition do not indicate any concern for their lost state.
2. Because the punishment that is to last forever is not sensual, and immediately forthcoming, the average person is really not interested in hearing about his salvation.
 - a. Eccl. 8:11 -- *“Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, there the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.”*
3. God is not willing for any to be lost, but wants all men to come repentance and the knowledge of the truth – 2 Pet. 3:9; I Tim. 2:4.
4. Christ died that all men could be saved if they would – Heb. 2:9.
5. It is the fault of the individual if he is not saved from his sins and the consequence of them.
6. There are several classes of the lost spoken of in the word of God – let us study some of them.

I. THE IGNORANT

- a. There is a willful ignorance of God’s will on the part of some – 2 Pet. 3: 3 – 6.
- b. The Jews of Paul’s day were ignorant of God’s righteousness – Rom. 10: 1 – 3.
- c. The Lord said to Israel that they were destroyed for lack of knowledge – Hos. 4:6.
- d. There is an unconscious ignorance on the part of many, but they are without excuse – Acts 17: 30 – 31.
 - i. Paul does not mean that God had excused man from his sins here.
 - ii. He means that God had not before attempted to break the ignorance up, as He does not, by sending forth preachers of the truth – Matt. 28: 19 – 20.
- e. Paul said we are to understand the will of the Lord – Eph. 5:17.
- f. Jesus said we must do the will of the Father – Matt. 7:21.

II. THE UNBELIEVER

- a. The Hebrew writer warns about having an evil heart of unbelief – Heb. 3:12.
- b. John said in Revelation, the unbeliever would be lost – Rev. 21:8.
- c. John said in the gospel of John, the unbeliever could not go to heaven – John 8: 21, 24.

III. THOSE WHO KNOW NOT GOD

- a. Paul said, *“them that know not God”* would be lost – 2 Thess. 1: 8 – 9.
- b. John said those who hear not the apostles do not know God – I John 4:6.

IV. THOSE WHO OBEY NOT THE GOSPEL

- a. Paul said this too plain to be misunderstood – 2 Thess. 1:8.
- b. To obey the gospel one believes, repents, confesses, and is baptized for remission of sins – Mark 16:15 – 16; Acts 8:37; Acts 2:38.
- c. All who have not done this are lost.

V. THE UNRIGHTEOUS

- a. *“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?”* – I Cor. 6:9.
- b. *“All unrighteousness is sin”*—I John 5: 17.
- c. *“For all thy commandments are righteousness”* – Psa. 119: 172.
- d. To fail to do God’s commandments is unrighteousness – Acts 10: 35.

VI. THOSE WHO GO BACK TO THE LAW OF MOSES FOR AUTHORITY TODAY

- a. Many today want to go to the Law of Moses for authority in religion.
- b. Those who do not do are lost – Gal. 5:4.
- c. The Law could not take away sin – Heb. 10: 1 – 4.
- d. The Law was nailed to the cross, taken out of the way – Col. 2:14.

VII. MANY MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH WILL BE LOST BECAUSE THEY LACK PREPARATION.

- a. Many people come into the church, but do not continue to serve the Lord faithfully.
- b. Those who fail to prepare will be lost – Matt. 25: 1 – 13.

VIII. THE NEGLECTORS – Heb. 2:3

- a. Many know the truth, but they have neglected to obey it.
 - i. Felix – Acts 24: 24 – 25
 - ii. Agrippa – Acts 26:28
- b. Are you among the neglectors???

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