WHAT MUST I DO TO BE LOST? 5/27/07 AM Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

Intro, Most important questions: What must I do to be saved? How can I get to heaven? How can You get to heaven? How can I help you get to heaven? How can you help me get to heaven? Think about another question: "What must I do to be lost?" This question was not asked by: (A) People on Pentecost, (B) Philippian jailer, (C) Cornelius, (D) Anybody in O.T. or N. T., (E) Those outside Christ today, and (F) Erring Christians.

It is an important question that nobody asks.

1. Who are the lost? Luke 19:10 says Christ came to seek and save the lost.

a. Those who do not do God's will.

b. Those who disobey God's will.

2. There are lost people who do not know they are lost. a. The lost coin in Luke 15:8-9 did not know it was lost. b. There are people who know they are lost, but don't know what to do about it. The lost sheep in Luke 15:4-7 c. There are people who are lost, know it, know what to do, but do nothing. The prodigal (wasteful) son in Luke 15:11-32

3. Being lost in sin compared to fatal illness. Zacchaeus was rich, satisfied, LOST. a. Jesus visited him saying, "They that are whole need not a physician, but they that are sick" Luke 5:31

4. Certain commands must be obeyed to be saved. a. Faith. Hebrews 11:6

b. Learn God's will. Ignorance no excuse. Acts 17:30 "The times..." c. Confession. Romans 10:10 "For with the heart man believeth ... "

d. Baptism. Newness of life (Romans 6:4) Washes away sins (Acts 22:16), Saves us (1 Peter 3:21).

Those not having done these things - "What must I do to be lost?" The answer is "Nothing! Stay as you are".

5. As Christian, "What must I do to be lost?" a. Fail to do good. James 4:17 "..to him that knows to do good ... " b. Make no effort to control passions: Lust, coveting, dishonesty, deception, lying, stealing, etc.

c. Be like everyone around me in the world. Romans 12:2 "Be not conformed to this world ... "

d. Don't tell others about Christ. 1 Timothy 4:11 "These things command and teach."

e. Stay away from worship. Hebrews 10:25-26 "Not forsaking ... "

6. Look into own life.

a. Is there sin there? Neglect? Hatred?

b. Is there faithfulness there? Love for God and His Word? Prayer? c. Now, ask yourself, "What must I do to be lost?" If the answer is "Nothing", take decisive action TODAY! Isaiah 1:18. God is ready, to tell you what you must do to be saved. Pay attention!

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