

THE GOD OF "THIS WORLD"

- Spiritual dominion where Satan rules.
 - 2 Corinthians 4:4, "in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should not dawn (upon them)."
 Ephesians 2:2, "wherein ye once walked
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 - cf. Romans 6:12ff The world of Satan is a matter of service rather than location.

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CONTRAST AND CONFLICT

- •Between Christ and Satan there can be no peace or compromise. Matthew 12:30; John 8:44.
- •There is no middle ground. James 4:4; John 15:18-19.

WHAT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO THOSE LOST IN THE WORLD?

- "Mv"
 - •Individual. Romans 14:12; 2 Corinthians 5:10
- "Responsibility" Matthew 25:14-19; Luke 12:47
 - "Liable to be called on to answer." (Webster)

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THE LOST CONSISTS OF THREE CATEGORIES

<u>Those Who Have Never Heard The</u> <u>Gospel</u>

- Apostles to go preach. Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16
- Scattered disciples preached. Acts 8:4; 11:19-20
- Note: Romans 10:13-17; Ezekiel 3:18

THE LOST CONSISTS OF THREE CATEGORIES

<u>Those who have heard the gospel but</u> have not obeyed.

- Exhorted obedience. Acts 2:40
- Example of Paul. Acts 7:58
- Timothy to exhort with longsuffering.
 2 Timothy 4:2; cf. 2 Peter 3:9

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THE LOST CONSISTS OF THREE **CATEGORIES**

Those who have obeyed and have become unfaithful.

- Returned to the world. 2 Peter 2:20; Hebrews 6
- Demas. 2 Timothy 4:10; cf. Colossians 4:14; Philemon 24
- Simon, Acts 8:23
- Convert. James 5:19
- Restore. Galatians 6:1
- Care. 1 Corinthians 12:25

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MUST VIEW THE GOSPEL AS THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION

- Power unto salvation. Romans 1:16-17
- How we are saved. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
- Peter's sermons to the Jews salvation from sin. Acts 2, 3, 4.
- Peter's sermon to Gentiles. Acts 10:34-48

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THE GOSPEL CHANGES LIVES

- •The ignorant. Acts 2:23; 3:17
- Saul of Tarsus. Acts 8:3; 9:1-2; 26:6; 1 Timothy 1:12ff; Philippians 3:3ff
- Corinthians. Acts 18:8; 1 Corinthians 6:9ff
- Ephesians. Acts 19:18-20

MUST VIEW THE GOSPEL AS THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION

MUST VIEW **THE LOST** AS ...

• Dead in sin. Ephesians 2:1ff

• Without hope. Ephesians 2:12

• All men are sinners. Romans 3:9, 23

If die in sin – lost. Romans 6:23;
 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

• Sin separates from God. Isaiah 59:1-2

• Reason Jesus came to earth. Luke 19:10

- Paul's Sermon in Antioch of Pisidia. Acts 13:16-41
- Paul's sermon on Mars Hill. Acts 17:22-31

THE GOD OF THIS WORLD ... 2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-4

- Blinds the minds of the unbelieving.
- Hides the light of the gospel.
- Causes people to perish.

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WHAT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO THE LOST?

- 1. Those who have never heard the truth. "Go preach ..."
- 2. Those who have heard it and not obeyed. "Exhort them ..."
- 3. Those who have obeyed and then erred from the truth. "Restore ..."

WHAT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO THE LOST?

- Let us recognize the value of a man's soul and what it means to be LOST!
 Matthew 16:26, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" KJV
- Then let us "go forth bearing precious seed" knowing that we shall "doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us" (Psalms 12:6).

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