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We Must Rescue The Perishing "Tho' they are slighting Him, still He is waiting, Waiting the wandering child gone astray." John 1:11 His own received him not.

John 5:39–40 Would not come to have life. Luke 23:34 Offered forgiveness to those who crucified Him.

Luke 15 Illustrates his desire to receive sinners.

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"Plead with them earnestly; Plead with them gently:"

"Plead earnestly" - Compel by use of persuasion and entreaty. "Gently"

Luke 14:23, *"Constrain them to come in ..."* 2 Corinthians 5:11 We persuade men ... Ephesians 4:15, *"Speak the truth in love"* (cf. 2 Timothy 4:2; Acts 13:9; Philemon); Galatians 6:1

We Must Rescue The Perishing "He will forgive if they trust and obey." Hebrews 5:8-9 Author of eternal salvation "to all that obey Him." Romans 6:16ff Obedience necessary. (cf. 2 Thessalonians 1:8)

Verse 3 "Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter, Feelings lie buried that grace can restore. Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness, Chords that were broken will vibrate once more."

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1 Peter 5:8 Satan wants to crush ... John 8:44 Father of liars ... Romans 2:4 Desires to turn from the goodness of God. (cf. Genesis 3:4–5) Luke 22:31 Desired to have Peter. Job 1:13 Desired to crush Job.

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"Feelings lie buried that grace can restore."

Romans 7:7ff Paul. Galatians 5:19ff. Satan seeks to bury fruits of the Spirit.

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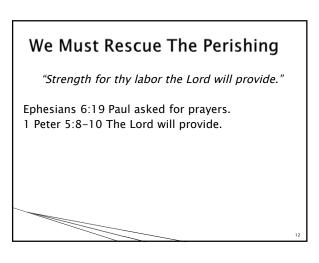
1 Timothy 2:12 Saul of Tarsus.

Acts 2:46; 8:8; 8:39; 16:34 Many went on their way "rejoicing."

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Verse 4 "Rescue the perishing, Duty demands it; Strength for thy labor the Lord will provide. Back to the narrow way, patiently win them Tell the poor wanderer, a Savior has died."

We Must Rescue The Perishing "Rescue the perishing, Duty demands it;" Matthew 28:19; Mk. 16:15 Great commission. 1 Corinthians 3:5–8 Our job is to preach. Ezekiel 3:16 Ezekiel's preaching.



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"Back to the narrow way, patiently win them"

Matthew 7:13-14 Lead to the narrow way. Galatians 6:9 Patience necessary. Rewarded. Romans 2:7

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"Tell the poor wanderer, a Savior has died."

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 Preach the gospel. Romans 3:23-26 Man needs a Savior. Acts 2:36; 3:13; 4:8-12; 5:30 Peter preached a resurrected Savior. Acts 8:35 Philip preached a Savior.

Are You Perishing? John 8:24 Believe or perish. Luke 13:3 Repent or perish. Romans 10:9-10 Confess unto salvation. Acts 2:38 Be baptized for remission of sins.

Are you a Christian who is perishing? Acts 8:20ff