

SPIRITUALLY LOST AND FOUND

Many of you might remember when stores had a lost and found department. Now it is done through the service center. My wife would sometimes help them and would come home with interesting stories of everything from unusual lost things to children.

My daughter Angie took her 4-year-old son to such a store and turned to ask a store person for help and turned back to ask her son a question and he was gone. They call for him and search everywhere and couldn't find him. They called the service center and put out an alert. After a short time, Ben identified himself as the winner of Hide and Go-Seek.

This lesson will study four aspects of the dilemma of being Spiritually Lost and then Found.

1. In what is called the Parable of the Prodigal Son, the principle of being Spiritually Lost and Found was taught.

Remember this parable has three parts with the same theme of **Spiritually Lost and Found** (Lk.15:1-7)

- **lost sheep found** (Lk.15:8-10)
- **lost silver coin found**
- **lost son found** (Lk.15:11-32)

The doctrinal point of this long parable is given in the **last verse** – “But **we** had to celebrate and rejoice, for **this brother of yours was dead and has begun to live (spiritually) and was lost and has been found (spiritually)**” (Lk.15:32)

2. Being spiritually lost and found is founded on the doctrinal principle of two federal heads of the human race.

Paul taught this in (1 Cor.15:45), “So it is written (Gen.2:7), ‘The first man, Adam, became a living soul.’ the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.”

First Adam

Last Adam

Lost

Found

We learn how members of the human race are lost and dead in Adam's Original Sin (Gen.2:17; Rom.5:12).

The imputation of Adam's Original Sin carries 13 judicial charges which can only be removed by faith in gospel of grace salvation by Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

3. Once again, we go to the Book of 1st Corinthians and chapter 15 to Paul's teaching on this subject of mankind being spiritually lost in Adam and spiritually found in Jesus Christ.

This time we look at (1 Cor.15:22) – “For in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.”

In Adam

In Christ

Spiritually dead
(Rom.8:1-2)

Spiritually alive
(1 John 5:11-13)
Eternal Life

- (Col.1:13) “For He rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.”
- (1 Cor.15:46) “However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual.”
- (1Cor.15:58) “But thanks be to God, who gives us **the victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

4. My finally point is the grace victory that is given by God in grace salvation, by faith in the Gospel of Lord Jesus Christ.

The victory of grace salvation is the removal of the imputation of Adam's Original Sin in time and eternity.

13 judicial charges have been removed forever by the gospel of grace salvation ([50 Things FREE](#))

Notice **what is removed** and **what is given** at moment of grace salvation (Rom.5:12-21).

In Adam

In Christ

Ungodly (Rom.5:6)
Unrighteous (Rom.3:10)
Unjust (1 Pet.3:18)
Unholy (1 Tim.1:9)

Godly (Rom.4:5)
Righteous (2 Cor.5:21)
Justified (Rom.3:23-24, 28)
Holy (Col.3:12-14)