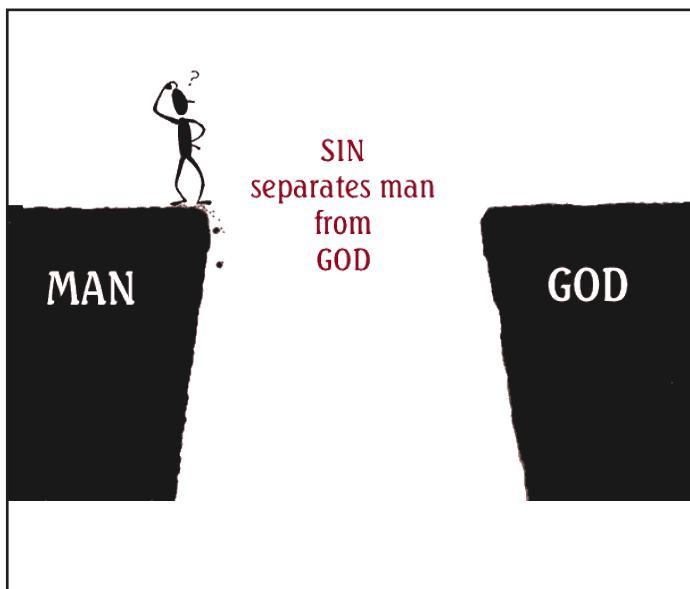


**To the lost person
we say:**



**Be Ye Reconciled
to God!**

Why? Because sin separates us from God so we are out of favour with the Lord. The ONLY way for us to be reconciled, or come into favour with God, is to receive God's only begotten Son the Lord Jesus Christ and his death as a one-off payment for his sin.

Who are the LOST?

- The man who is “without Christ...having no hope, and without God in the world” (Eph.2: 12), and
- “Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator...” (Rom 1:25). and
- “Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart” Eph.4: 18), and
- “alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works” (Col.1: 21).

What makes a person LOST?

- * His sin, and “sin is the transgression of the law” (1Jn.3: 4). Scripture says “your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you” (Is.59: 2).
- * He calls “evil good, and good evil” (Is.5: 20). Hence his sin blinds his heart and mind to the truth.
- * He seeks to work for his righteousness, but all his “righteousnesses are as filthy rags” (Is.64: 6).
- * He does not believe God's words recorded in scripture, and therefore he rejects God's Son (who is God “manifest in the flesh” - 1Tim.3: 16, “All things were made by him” - Jn.1: 3), and His sacrifice on the cross.
- * He trusts his good deeds to get him to heaven (Tit.3: 5).

Therefore, the lost man is separated from God by his sin and needs to be “reconciled to God”, or come into favour with God.

What happens when a person that is LOST dies?

* If the LOST man were to die tomorrow in his sin he would stand before God in judgment (Heb.9: 27), and

* he is judged “by Jesus Christ” (Rom.2: 16), and

* “if you believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins” (Jn.8: 24).

God is JUST so requires payment for sin, and so the LOST person MUST be:-

* sentenced to hell (the scriptures say “the wicked shall be turned into hell” Ps.9: 17) where he is tormented in the flames (Lk.16: 24), and then

* “cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death” (Rev.20: 14), and so

* “punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord” (2Thes.1: 9), and

Given that “all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Rom.3: 23), and “There is none righteous, no, not one” (Rom.3: 10), God’s JUSTICE requires each man to pay for his sin (Rom.6: 23), which means that we all deserve to go to hell to pay for our sin for an eternity!

How does God provide a way for a LOST person to be reconciled to Himself?

“For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled we shall be saved by his life” (Rom.5: 10), and

* “God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish...” (Jn.3: 16), and

* He bare our sin on Himself at Calvary (1Pet.2: 24). The Bible says He (God the Father) made Him (the Lord Jesus) “to be sin for us...that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (2Cor.5: 21).

What does the LOST person have to believe to be reconciled to God?

He is required to receive and believe the GOOD NEWS, the gospel of Christ crucified (1Cor.1: 23); “how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures” (1Cor.15: 3 & 4).

When the LOST man believes in his heart that **all** of his sin is on the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross, and calls on His name (Rom.10: 10 & 13), **then** he is reconciled to God, he is come into favour with God.

What happens to a person when they are reconciled to God?

* his sins are washed in the blood (Rev.1: 5) that Christ shed on Calvary, and

* “that they may receive forgiveness of sins” (Acts 26: 18), and

* he receives the righteousness of Christ (Rom.4: 22), and

* becomes a new creature born of the Spirit of God (2Cor.5: 17), and

* he is sealed by the Holy Spirit (Eph.1: 13), no longer LOST, and cannot lose his salvation, and

* when his body dies and goes to the dust his spirit has an eternal home in heaven (2Cor.5: 1), where Christ has prepared a mansion for him (Jn.14: 2), where there is “no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain” (Rev.21: 4).

All without works! Just by **believing God**, in his heart.

To a lost person we say “be ye reconciled to God”.

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved” (Acts 16: 31).

If you have believed this good news message of the Lord Jesus Christ, and have called on His name, and desire to meet other believers then let us know by emailing us at: protestantchurch@xtra.co.nz, or phone 021 0721330000