

The Gospel Herald

“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD'S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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Lost and Found

*I lost my car keys this week along with my house key, and garage keys. The keys were on a ring with a **certain** emblem. I had called around trying to retrace my tracks over the past day. No keys of that description were found. I no doubt had them in my pocket with my truck keys, as I was had been driving my pickup truck during the past week. So, I had pulled my truck keys out of my pocket and unbeknown, the other keys were entangled and come out of my pocket with the others and fell the ground.*

Well, after determining that they were not turned in by anyone at the locations I had visited over the past day, I said, Well, if my God has determined for me to retrieve the keys I shall wait upon the Lord a few days and then call AAA to come and open the car and make a new ignition key.

My God predestined those keys to fall at the exact location they did, and in His sovereign purpose there was a divine purpose in the experience, even the writing of this story.

As the day spent bye and I was sitting in my home, I had thought of a location where I grocery shop and remembered having stopped to pick up a few things the day before. So, I called to ask if they had any keys found in the parking lot and that were turned in.

Low and behold, they said, “they had some brought in, and would I please **identify them.**”

I proceeded to number the keys and the emblem tag that was on the key ring, they replied, “Yep, we have those keys as you have rightly described.” I was relieved to know they were **found!**

I thanked my God that in His divine providence He caused me to be blessed to **find** the LOST keys.

Our Lord Jesus said, “I have come to seek and save those which **were lost,**” as the man which having an hundred sheep, he left the ninety and nine and pursued to find the **one** lost sheep, and when he had found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. “I say into you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one “**lost**” **sinner** that shall repenteth, more than over the ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance” (Luke 4:7).

“Either that woman that had ten pieces of silver, if she loose one piece, doeth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and **seek diligently** till she finds it? And when she hath found it, she called her friends and her neighbors together, saying, rejoice with me; **for I had found the piece which I had lost**” (Luke 15:8-11).

“And a **Certain man** had two sons (as you know the record of the “prodigal Son). For this my son was dead; and is alive again; **he was lost,** and is found”

(Luke 15:11-24).

Notice all of the items and person belonged to those who “owned” them. Only the “true owner” can rightfully identify the item(s) which are his. Only our Lord Jesus Christ shall rightly identify those that are rightfully his, purchased with the price of his precious blood and chosen, called, ordained, appointed, elected and predestined to be “**His.**” Our Lord has **NOT** come to seek and to save ALL of mankind, but **only those that are given to the Son by the Father, whose names are written in the “Lambs book of life” determined before the foundation of the world.**

As a father and son are walking in a large crowd of people, the small son gets caught up in the observations of the many things around him. He becomes lost from his father.

The father began to **call** for his son, calling out his name, there may have been five young children with the same name as the **lost** Lad, but **only the voice of the lost son's father is going to be heard with rejoicing!** Because he knew the voice of his father out of all the other noise and conversation that was in progress all around him.

*“My sheep **SHALL** hear my voice, and **I know them**, and they follow (not try to) me”*
(John 10: 27).

Question: Are **all** of mankind, according to our scriptural observations **all lost?** Or only those that have been bought by a price, purchased by the determined precious sacrificial blood of our Lord Jesus Christ? The reprobate, unredeemed, non-elect portion of God's created mankind shall be overlooked and passed by the divine salvation of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ of whom we have to do. Praise be unto God for his infinite mercy and everlasting love towards those that are **HIS** by predestined, decreed and determined election.

When would an individual go to a “Lost & Found” office ? It would be when they were seeking an item which they possessed that had been “lost”. Oh how marvelous to contemplate that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent to this earthly realm to become likened unto the human creature to give himself a ransom for those the Father has chosen to redeem throughout the ages of time.

Oh! The blessed hope that we are granted that causes us to believe we are **His**. How great salvation so rich and **FREE!**

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