

“Rejoice, the Lost are Found”

Luke 15:1-10

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I. Introduction

- A. Luke 15 is the key chapter in Luke’s gospel. In Luke 15, we find Jesus, the “Son of Man, has come to seek and save that which was lost.”
 - 1. In chapter 15, Jesus gives three parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son.
 - 2. Perhaps the best-known parable in the Bible
 - 3. “There is probably no chapter of the Bible that has done greater good to the souls of men.” – J.C. Ryle
- B. In this chapter, we see God’s great love for sinners. He seeks them, restores them, and rejoices over them.
 - 1. Today, three sections (vv. 1-10)

II. The Lost Sinners (Luke 15:1-3)

- A. Jesus said, “I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance,” and “They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick.” (v. 2)
- B. What is a parable?
 - 1. Window or mirror
 - 2. How to interpret them? (v. 3)
 - a) Look for the contact and cause
 - b) Look for the main truth (be careful)
 - c) Parables illustrate doctrine. They don’t declare it.

III. The Lost Sheep (Luke 15:4-7)

IV. The Lost Silver (Luke 15:8-10)

V. Conclusion

- A. Three key words (v. 6)
 - 1. Lost (5 times)
 - a) We are all sinners
 - 2. Found (6 times)
 - a) God seeks us and finds us
 - b) We repent
 - 3. Rejoice or joy (5 times)
 - a) The heart of God for lost sinners
 - 4. How’s your heart?