

LOST  
(Part 6 of 6)

Sixth, and finally, man is considered lost and dead because of his relationship to God. Most men profess to believe in some kind of a god, but it is a god of their own making. The Bible actually describes the unsaved man as one who is without God in the world: “Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:” (Ephesians 2:11-12). Man is without God in the fullest sense of the term God. He has no claim on God. His god is of his own making, and when compared with the God of the Bible there is no vital relationship.

Paul wrote, “But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his” (Romans 8:9). Jude describes one of the characteristics of the unregenerate as being void of the Spirit: “These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit” (Jude 19). There are two groups of people in the world: those who have the Holy Spirit (the saved) and those who have not the Holy Spirit (the unsaved). There are no other possibilities. As far as God is concerned man is lost. He is in a mind-set of perpetual darkness. He could grope in this darkness all the days of his earthly dwelling and never find his way out. Man cannot rescue himself. God must penetrate the interior of man’s very being or man will remain eternally lost in his darkness. Man is lost and only God through Jesus Christ can find him. Jesus said, “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10).

Therefore, man is considered lost and dead because of his relationship to God. The heartbeat that every unbeliever just had is the only thing that keeps him from fully experiencing the horrors that await him at death. Deliverance is possible, but it must come before physical death. After death it is too late. Seek God’s provisions now! Salvation comes through Jesus Christ and your trust that you put in Him alone to forgive you and make you fit for Heaven.

Every unbeliever is marked by the biblical characteristics set forth in these writings, whether he is aware of them or not.

As an unbeliever, admit your sinful ways and desire to turn from them and be delivered from the judgment they bring (Romans 3:10, 23; Acts 3:19). Acknowledge what Christ did for sinners on the cross, which was confirmed by His resurrection from the dead (Romans 5:8; John 11:25). Receive Christ Jesus by faith alone as the only means of eternal life (Ephesians 2:8-9, John 1:12; 6:40). Finally, appropriate Christ’s rightful claim as Lord of your life (Romans 10:9; Philippians 2:10-11).

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I deserve to pay my own sin debt, but I do believe that you died and rose again for me to pay the debt I owe. Now, the best way I know how I trust you by faith and faith alone to save me – I trust you now as my Saviour. I will depend upon You from this very moment for my entrance into Thy Kingdom.

Jerry W. Arnold  
All Rights Reserved  
(May 2009)