

The Lost and Found



In **Luke 15:1-7**, Jesus shares a parable that tells of a man with one hundred sheep and how one of them wandered away and became lost.

The shepherd's reaction is one of desperation and he searches all around until he finds his lost sheep and when he does, he calls his friends and neighbors and joins them in celebration. The sheep that *became lost* now *became found*.

This parable takes place in the wilderness which is a description of a kingdom which is outside of God's kingdom. The world and it's system is the wilderness and everyone who is captive to the wilderness is lost while everyone who is part of the kingdom of God is found. The Bible teaches that there are only two spiritual positions that matter: Not in Christ (lost) and in Christ (found).

Jesus came down into a world that was full of lost people and when He came, He came for the purpose of reclaiming those whom the devil had taken into the wilderness. Jesus came to set the wilderness-wandering, lost captives... free.

Believer you have been found by the Good Shepherd and He has placed a call on your life; You are to help Him find more of His lost sheep. Be watchful and learn His word so that when the opportunity arises you can lead a few of the Lord's sheep home.

Blessings to you and yours, Pastor Gene