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Sermon No 19
You Were A Lost Sinner



Which One Are YOU?

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B&S The title for my sermon is You Were A Lost Sinner. My Bible reading is taken from Romans Ch3v22-24. Those verses read like this.

22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Amen

B&S. Here the Bible teaches us that we are all sinners, every one of us, we all came into this world the same way born of a woman. We were all born, and we were all born sinners, there is no difference in any of us.

Psalm 51v5 States. *Surely, I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.*

B&S you were even a sinner before you were born, while you were in your mother's womb, you were a sinner. **You were a lost sinner.** Jeremiah Ch17v9 puts it like this. *The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? 10 I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.* Now this can be difficult to understand, especially to the unsaved. What makes the difference between a Christian and a good living person?

The answer is the Christian has Jesus as their Saviour.

The good living person hasn't. Jesus Christ is my Advocate with the Father, Jesus is my Redeemer, Jesus is my Barrister I am justified freely by His grace. Amen I have acknowledged Jesus Christ for who He is, The Son Of God. His blood has cleansed me from all my sins. My righteousness comes from God through His **Son Jesus Christ**. Now it is surprising how many people don't recognise this or understand it, they can't seem to grasp the meaning of **Born Again**.

They have completely the wrong idea about sin, their outlook to sin Bad-Not Bad-Very bad, and they compare themselves with others. They think I am not as bad as him, I don't do what she does, I don't do any of those things. Friends it is not a matter whether you do those things or not. **You were a lost Sinner**.

B&S God isn't interested in how many times you got drunk, how many times you lost your temper, how many swear words you said, how much you gambled. Have you accepted His Son Jesus Christ as your Saviour? I have often heard so many people say I am a good person, I wouldn't do anybody any harm, and I believe in God, I believe in Jesus. **BELIEVE?**

Friends you can believe that someone is going to win the National Lottery every week, but that doesn't mean you will win it. You can stand at a Bus Stop until a bus comes along and says on the front Hollywood

you can believe it will take you to Hollywood. Right. But it won't if you don't get on it. Unsaved people don't like to think they are sinners. The Christian people don't have that problem, they know they are saved by His Grace. Amen. Yet B&S I can understand what the unsaved people are thinking. I know that there is good decent people, kind people, people who would go out of their way to help you. But when it comes to God's Judgement. Good or Bad doesn't come into it, For His word says that we all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God. What does sin do? B&S sin causes separation from God. Adam walked with God in the cool of the day, but when he sinned, God banished Adam and Eve from the garden of Eden, He drove them out. It's your iniquities that separates you from God. When people say God won't send me to hell, because He is a merciful God. **Yes He Is A Merciful God.** And it is because He is a merciful God He will not condemn you to hell, He leaves that choice up to each individual. If someone refuses to accept Jesus Christ as the Son of God and make Him their Saviour, then they themselves are choosing a Christless eternity in hell. It is not a matter of being a Big Sinner or a Wee Sinner, there is sin in your life. You were born with it **You Were A Lost Sinner.** It is because God is a merciful God He gives each and

everyone of us the opportunity to deal with that sin, to put your life in order. When we are born, and we know that we are born sinners, we begin to grow up and become more mature. From babies we begin to Crawl, Walk, Talk, we understand and appreciate our parents. The sin nature that is already within us, we then learn to add to that sin, we don't need anyone to teach us, show us, or help us, we do it all by ourselves, all because we have a sinful nature.

You will learn to be disrespectful to your parents, cheeky, little displays of temper, a swear word, a lie and you keep on adding to your sins, theft, & habits. But until you come to a certain age of understanding God will overlook your sins because you are a child. As His Word says, *suffer the little children to come unto me*. But when you learn to know and understand the difference between Good & Evil, when you begin to realise that your doing wrong there is no excuse.

When you hear the Word of God speaking to you and you do nothing about it, you are choosing to reject God the Father's gift of His Son. There is no excuse for you.

God the Father gave to this world a means whereby we all can be redeemed. **You Were A Lost Sinner**

Now here is an opportunity for you to be forgiven for your sins. When the rubber hits the road, and all is said and done.

When God calls it a day for you, it won't matter to Him how much sin you have accumulated in your life.

Who is the worst or the most vile. You might think, no one knows about this sin, I was far away in another place at the time when I committed it.

Even my own wife or family doesn't know about it.

Truth is friends God Knows and that is what matters.

In Ecclesiastics Ch 12v13 King Solomon comes to realise that God knows everything and some day all will be revealed. He wrote. *After all that has been heard.*

Hear is the conclusion of the matter, Fear God and keep His commandments for this is the whole duty of man.

For God will bring every deed into judgement.

Including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.

And yet **B&S** It won't be for any of those sins that you shall be judged and cast into a Christless eternity for.

It will be for refusing to accept God's offer of giving to the world His Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ.

That is the unpardonable sin. **You Were A Lost Sinner**

And sin separates you from God. Death is not something that is reserved for the future.

We in the sight of God were once all dead, dead in our trespasses and sin. You didn't know God or Love Him

or serve Him. You were separated from Christ and if you are not a Christian and made alive through Him.

You will always be separated from Christ.

But accept Him as the Son of God, as your Redeemer, He becomes your Saviour and you become alive and alive for evermore through Jesus Christ. Amen
Evermore B&S, Not dead, but alive, eternal Life.

Transgressions simply means, to break the Law Of God. To go down the paths that God forbids.

It is rebellion against God. We all fall short of this.

Sin means to miss the mark or target. And we all miss the mark and target. God's standard is too high for us and we all fall short of God's Glory here as well.

Iniquity is as how God sees you, a twisted and distorted soul, misshapen by sin, and God sees us all like that **Unless** You get cleansed in the precious blood of the Lamb. Do something about it. Become a Christian. For now, as you see yourself, is not the way God sees you. You might think what about my good works? What good works can you give to God?

Friends it is not your opinion of yourself, it is God's opinion of you. It is never what you say or do.

None of us can do anything that would justify us going to heaven. It is through His grace alone that gets you into heaven. **You Were A Lost Sinner** and unless you repent of your sins by accepting Jesus Christ as your only way to Heaven. By asking Him to forgive you and to come into your heart. Then that's the way you will meet God

A Lost Sinner. Then you will be cast into the Lake of Fire which is. Eternal Destruction. You don't want to go there. B& S Scripture says. *And the devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and false prophet are.*

*And they will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. Then Death and Hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. **And anyone** not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.*

Friends Is your name there? If not You will not be able to say God I am sorry. I didn't know, please forgive me. It will be to late for you friends, for you did know, but you chose to ignore it. You wanted to hold on to living life your way just a little bit longer, and you held on to long. It will be to late friends. Tonight, or tomorrow morning you could be standing before God only to hear Him say those dreadful words. **I Never Knew You.**

Wow horrifying words, it means friends you never existed, you were never born, God never at any time knew you. Does He know you now friends?

Do you want Him to know you?

You were a Lost sinner Is that the way you want to meet God or do you want His life, one that will last for ever, one that is called Eternal Life. It is all up to you friends, my advice is to Trust Him & Ask Him To Be Your Redeemer, Your Saviour Your God. Amen