

## "Rescue The Perishing"

Hymns for Worship – Song # 366

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*John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not **perish**, but have eternal life."*

*1 Corinthians 1:18 "For the word of the cross is to them that **perish** foolishness; but unto us who are saved it is the power of God."*

*2 Corinthians 4:3-4 "... in them that **perish**"*

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*2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 "and with all deceit of unrighteousness for them that **perish**; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God sendeth them a working of error, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."*

*2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some count slackness; but is longsuffering to you-ward, not wishing that any should **perish**, but that all should come to repentance."*

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### Definitions:

**"Rescue"** – "to free from confinement, danger, or evil ... to deliver" (Webster)

**"Perishing"** – "to become destroyed" (Webster)

**apollumi** to destroy fully (reflexively, to perish, or lose), literally or figuratively:

KJV – destroy, die, lose, mar, perish. (Strongs)

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## We Must Rescue The Perishing

### Verse 1

*"Rescue the perishing, Care for the dying,  
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave.  
Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen,  
Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save."*

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*"Rescue the perishing, Care for the dying,*

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 Some are blinded ...

Romans 1:16 Gospel the power to save ...

Luke 13:3 Repent or perish ...

Romans 6:23 Wages of sin – death. (cf. Ezekiel 18:20)

2 Peter 3:9 Not God's desire that we perish.

(1 Timothy 2:4)

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*"Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave."*

Jude 23 Snatch them from the fire ...  
 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10 Will be eternally lost ...  
 Romans 9:1; 10:1ff We should have pity and  
 compassion.  
 Luke 15:20 Father of the prodigal.

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*"Weep o'er the erring one,"*

1 Samuel 15:35 Samuel mourned for Saul.  
 2 Samuel 13:36 David mourned for Absalom.  
 Ezra 10:6 Ezra mourned for Israel.  
 Philippians 3:18-19 Paul wept for the lost.  
 Matthew 9:35ff Jesus had compassion.

Must see the world as lost. Ephesians 2:1;  
 cf. Matthew 7:13-14

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*"lift up the fallen"*

Galatians 6:1 Fallen prey to temptation.  
 Hebrews 12:12 Fallen to discouragement.  
 (cf. Elijah: 1 Kings 19:3-4, 10, 14)

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*"Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save."*

Hebrews 7:25 He is able to save. (cf. Acts 8:35)

*John 1:29 "On the morrow he seeth Jesus  
 coming unto him, and saith, Behold, the  
 Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the  
 world!"*

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Verse 2

*"Tho' they are slighting Him, still He is waiting,  
 Waiting the wandering child gone astray.  
 Plead with them earnestly; Plead with them gently:  
 He will forgive if they trust and obey."*

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John 1:11 His own received him not.  
 John 5:39-40 Would not come to have life.  
 Luke 23:34 Offered forgiveness to those who  
 crucified Him.  
 Luke 15 Illustrates his desire to receive sinners.

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***"Plead with them earnestly; Plead with them gently"***

"Plead earnestly" – Compel by use of persuasion and entreaty. "Gently"

*Luke 14:23 "Constrain them to come in ..."*  
*2 Corinthians 5:11 "We persuade men ..."*  
*Ephesians 4:15 "Speak the truth in love"* (cf. 2 Timothy 4:2; Acts 13:9; Philemon); Galatians 6:1

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***"He will forgive if they trust and obey."***

Hebrews 5:8–9 Author of eternal salvation *"to all that obey Him."*  
 Romans 6:16ff Obedience necessary. (cf. 2 Thessalonians 1:8)

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*Verse 3*

*"Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,  
 Feelings lie buried that grace can restore.  
 Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness,  
 Chords that were broken will vibrate once more."*

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***"Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,***

1 Peter 5:8 Satan wants to crush ...  
 John 8:44 Father of liars ...  
 Romans 2:4 Desires to turn from the goodness of God. (cf. Genesis 3:4–5)  
 Luke 22:31 Desired to have Peter.  
 Job 1:13 Desired to crush Job.

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Romans 7:7–25 Paul.  
 Galatians 5:19–26 Satan seeks to bury fruits of the Spirit.

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***"Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness,  
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1 Timothy 1:12–15 Saul of Tarsus.  
 Acts 2:46; 8:8; 8:39; 16:34 Many went on their way *"rejoicing."*

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*Verse 4*

*"Rescue the perishing, Duty demands it;  
Strength for thy labor the Lord will provide.  
Back to the narrow way, patiently win them  
Tell the poor wanderer, a Savior has died."*

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Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15 Great commission.  
1 Corinthians 3:5-8 Our job is to preach.  
Ezekiel 3:17-21 Ezekiel's preaching.

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Ephesians 6:19 Paul asked for prayers.  
1 Peter 5:8-10 The Lord will provide.

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*"Back to the narrow way, patiently win them"*

Matthew 7:13-14 Lead to the narrow way.  
Galatians 6:9 Patience necessary. Rewarded.  
Romans 2:7

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1 Corinthians 15:1-4 Preach the gospel.  
Romans 3:23-26 Man needs a Savior.  
Acts 2:36; 3:13; 4:8-12; 5:30 Peter preached a  
resurrected Savior.  
Acts 8:35 Philip preached a Savior.

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### **Are You Perishing?**

John 8:24 Believe or perish.  
Luke 13:3 Repent or perish.  
Romans 10:9-10 Confess unto salvation.  
Acts 2:38 Be baptized for remission.

### **Are you a Christian who is perishing?**

Acts 8:20-24

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