



The God Of "This World"

- ❖ Spiritual dominion where Satan rules.
 - 2 Corinthians 4:4 "in whom the **god of this world** hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should not dawn (upon them)."
 - Ephesians 2:2 "wherein ye once walked according to the course of this world, according to the **prince of the powers of the air**, of the spirit that now worketh in the sons of disobedience"
 - cf. Romans 6:12ff The world of Satan is a matter of service rather than location.

Contrast and Conflict

- ❖ Between Christ and Satan there can be no peace or compromise. Matthew 12:30
- ❖ There is no middle ground. James 4:4

What Is My Responsibility To The Lost?

- ❖ "My"
 - Individual. Romans 14:12; 2 Corinthians 5:10
- ❖ "Responsibility" – Matthew 25:15, 19; Luke 12:47
 - "Liable to be called on to answer."
(Webster)

The Lost Consists Of Three Categories

Those Who Have Never Heard The Gospel

- Apostles to go preach. Matthew 28:19-20; Mk. 16:15-16
- Scattered disciples preached. Acts 8:4; 11:19-20

❖ Note: Romans 10:13-17; cf. Ezekiel 3:17-21

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Those who have heard the gospel but have not obeyed.

- Exhorted obedience. Acts 2:40
- Example of Paul. Acts 7:58; 22:16; 9:18
- Timothy to exhort with longsuffering. 2 Timothy 4:2; cf. 2 Peter 3:9

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Those who have obeyed and have become unfaithful.

- Returned to the world. 2 Peter 2:20
- Simon. Acts 8:23; cf. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4
- Demas. 2 Timothy 4:10; cf. Colossians 4:14
- Convert. James 5:19
- Restore. Galatians 6:1
- Care. 1 Corinthians 12:25

Must View The Lost As...

- ❖ Dead in sin. Ephesians 2:1ff
- ❖ Without hope. Ephesians 2:12
 - All men are sinners. Romans 3:9, 23
 - Sin separates from God. Isaiah 59:1-2
 - If die in sin – lost. Romans 6:23; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9
 - Reason Jesus came to earth. Luke 19:10

Must View The Gospel As The Message Of Salvation

- ❖ Power unto salvation. Romans 1:16-17
- ❖ Peter's sermons to the Jews – salvation from sin. Acts 2, 3, 4.
- ❖ Peter's sermon to Gentiles. Acts 10:34-48

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- ❖ Paul's Sermon in Antioch of Pisidia. Acts 13:16-41
- ❖ Paul's sermon on Mars Hill. Acts 17:22-31

The Gospel Changes Men

- ❖ Christ and Satan work from different directions.
 - Satan works through the flesh to gain control of the spirit.
 - Christ works on the spirit through the gospel to control the actions of the flesh.

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- ❖ The ignorant. Acts 3:17
- ❖ Saul of Tarsus. Acts 9:1-2; 26:6; 1 Timothy 1:12ff; Philippians 3:3ff
- ❖ Corinthians. Acts 18:8; 1 Corinthians 6:9ff
- ❖ Ephesians. Acts 19:18-20

**The God Of This World ...
2 Corinthians 4:3-4**

- Blinds the minds of the unbelieving.
- Hides the light of the gospel.
- Causes people to perish.

**What Is My Responsibility
To The Lost?**

1. Those who have never heard the truth. "*Go preach ...*"
2. Those who have heard it and not obeyed. "*Exhort them ...*"
3. Those who have obeyed and then erred from the truth. "*Restore ...*"