

THE LOST CHRIST

Luke 2:41-50

- INTRO: Have you ever been lost? Have you ever noticed the look on a lost child's' face? The child is scared to death. But, the lesson today is different. Jesus was not lost; His parents had departed from Him.
 - I. WENT TO JERUSALEM TO WORSHIP.
 - It was their custom. Luke 2:42. They departed. Luke 2:43.
 - A. They supposed He was in their company. Luke 2:44.
 - B. They sought Him among their kinfolk. Luke 2:44.
 - C. They looked in the wrong place. Luke 2:45.
 - D. They became sorrowful. Luke 2:48. The parents were more frightened than the boy; not so in most cases.
 - E. They returned and found Him in His Father's house. Luke 2:46.
 - II. THE HOUSE OF GOD.

As we read the Bible we find out about the house of God. It is the church. The Gospel is preached by it. Isa. 46:12-13; Isa. 2:2-3; Heb. 12:22-24; 1 Tim. 3:14-15; 2 John 9; John 8:31-32. Many, knowing the teaching of the Bible, have departed. They have departed from the House of God, knowing what the Bible says about the church. Matt. 16:18; Eph. 5:23; Acts 20:28.

- III. GONE TO DENOMINATIONS, DOCTRINES OF MEN. 1 TIM. 4:1-2.
 - A. They suppose Christ is in their company (honest). Prov. 14:12.
 - B. They seek Him in vain. Matt. 15:9; Matt. 7:21-23.
- IV. MUST RETURN TO FIND JESUS.
 - A. Christ is in His Father's House. 1 Tim. 3:15.
 - B. They must obey the Plan of Salvation: Hear. John 6:43-35. Believe. John 8:24. Repent. Luke 13:3. Confess. Rom. 10:10. Be baptized. Mark 16:16.
- CONCL: Have you departed from Christ and His Word. You should be afraid, knowing your danger. Why not go back to where He is. He is in the House of God.