

## “Rescue The Perishing” (Part 1)

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

“And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled in them that perish: 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).”

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.”

“Rescue”— “to free from confinement, danger, or evil ... to deliver” (Webster)

“Perishing” – “to become destroyed” (Webster)

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

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

Luke 13:3 Repentance or perish ...

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

2 Peter 3:9 Not God's desire that we perish.  
(cf. Ezekiel 33:11; 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.  
2 Samuel 18:33

Ezra 10:6 Ezra mourned for Israel.

Philippians 3:18-19 Paul wept for the lost.

Matthew 9:35-38 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 12:12-13 Fallen to discouragement. (cf. Elijah: 1 Kings 19:3-4, 10, 14, 18)

Philippians 4:13 Paul's courage.

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Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save.”

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

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Verse 2

“Tho' they are slighting Him, still He is waiting,  
Waiting the wandering child gone astray.  
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He will forgive if they trust and obey.”

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John 1:11 His own received him not.

John 5:40 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)