

How comforting to know that God is able to save and forgive all who come to Him and accept the healing He provides. With this provision made for him, why should any person die?

Christ illustrated how anxious God is to save man when He told the parable of the lost sheep:

"One time many tax collectors and outcasts came to listen to Jesus. The Pharisees and the teachers of the laws started grumbling. 'This Man welcomes outcasts and even eats with them!' So Jesus told them this parable.

" 'Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them--what does he do? He leaves the other ninety-nine sheep in the pasture and goes looking for the one that got lost until he finds it. When he finds it, he is so happy that he puts it on his shoulders, and carries it back home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together, and says to them, 'I am so happy I found my lost sheep. Let us celebrate!'" In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine respectable people who do not need to repent.' " Luke 15:1-7.

Do you feel like that lost sheep? Are you tired of wandering and worrying? Would you like to know that your sins are forgiven, and that you have been saved from your sins? Then reach out and receive the gift that God offers, and you can have this assurance and peace.

Would you like to express yourself by indicating your determination?

I recognize that I am a sinner separated from God. ☐

I acknowledge that I cannot save myself. ☐

I long for God to forgive and save me. ☐

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*Always pray before opening your Bible.
Find the text in your Bible and write the answer.*

Several years ago a young housewife felt a slight pain in her abdomen. She thought something she had eaten had caused it. She took some medicine and forgot about it. Nothing to worry about.

In the next few months the pain returned periodically. She reasoned that something she was eating must be disagreeing with her. So she eliminated certain items from her diet. This seemed to help somewhat.

As months passed, the pains occurred more severely and more frequently. She finally mentioned her trouble to her husband, and he urged her to see a doctor. She was afraid of doctors and refused to make an appointment. But as the pain became almost constant and she began to lose weight, her husband made the appointment for her. She refused to go.

By this time, she feared that the pains might be connected with cancer. If this were true, she did not want to know it. Her friends gave her advice as to what to eat and what to do. Each person seemed to have a new cure, but all the time her illness continued to take its toll.

Finally one night when she was too ill to protest, her husband rushed her to the hospital. The doctor performed an operation and sent the woman home to die. The ailment was indeed cancer. If it had been caught when first noticed, it could probably have been stopped. But the delay proved fatal.

The doctor would have helped her. But he could do nothing unless she recognized that she needed his help and came to him.

What a picture of the sinner and the Great Physician! He stands by our side ready to give just the help needed. But many of us will die from the dread cancer of sin that is now eating away our souls because we do not recognize our