

To Seek and To Save May 17, 2026

Luke 19:10, *“The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”*

John 17:18-20, *“As You (Father) sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth. ²⁰ I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word.”*

Matthew 28:18-20, *“Jesus said to them, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

Our Mission is Nearly Identical to Jesus’ Mission:

- 1. We Make Disciples**
- 2. We Baptize Disciples**
- 3. We Teach Baptized Disciples to Obey Jesus**

Galatians 5:4, *“You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.”*

2 Peter 2:20-22, *“For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. ²¹ For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them. ²² It has happened to them according to the true proverb, “A dog returns to its own vomit,” and, “A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire.”*

1. Christians Are Responsible to Go After the Wanderer

James 5:19-20, *“My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, ²⁰ let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.”*

Galatians 6:1, *“Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.”*

2 Thessalonians 3:15, *“Don’t think of them as enemies, but speak to them as you would to a Christian who needs to be warned.”*

Matthew 7:5, *“You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.”*

2. The Approach is Love

Matthew 7:12, *“In everything, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”*

Ephesians 4:15, *“Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Jesus.”*

2 Peter 3:9, *“The Lord is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.”*

3. The Results Depend on Personal Choice

Psalms 32:1, *“How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered!”*

Covered: to clothe, a covering, a garment

Galatians 3:27, *“All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.”*

Psalms 32:2-5, *“How blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity (make him pay for his sin), and in whose spirit there is no deceit! ³ When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer. ⁵ I acknowledged my sin to You, And my sin I did not hide; I said, ‘I will confess my sins to the Lord’; and You forgave the guilt of my sin.”*

Proverbs 10:12, *“Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all transgressions.”*

1 Peter 4:8-9, *“Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaint.”*

Romans 4:7, *“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been forgiven, and whose sins have been covered. ⁸ ‘Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will not take into account.’”*

4. The Goal is To Win Your Brother

Matthew 18:15, *“If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.”*

Ezekiel 3:18-19, *“When I say to the wicked, ‘You will surely die,’ and you do not warn him or speak out to warn the wicked from his wicked way that he may live, that wicked man shall die in his sin, but his blood I will require at your hand. ¹⁹ Yet if you have warned the wicked and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his wicked way, he shall die in his sin; but you have delivered yourself.”*