

STUDY OUTLINE

Lesson #2

IV. God Views People in One of Two Groups

Those Without & With A Relationship Described

A. Lost Or Saved

Lost - Luke 19:10 As child in forest, need help

Saved - Rom. 10:13 As rescued from ocean

B. Unrighteous Or Righteous

Unrighteous - 1Cor. 6:9-13 Not right in God's eyes.

Rom. 3:10 All start life in this category

Righteous - Rom. 5:19 Declared right is something done
TO a man, and FOR a man, not BY the man

C. Unforgiven Or Forgiven

Unforgiven - Rom. 4:6-8 Burdened because of the
weight of knowing we have wronged God

Forgiven - Eph. 1:7 This forgiveness is what God gives
us. We wronged God, not He us.

D. Enemies Or Reconciled

Enemy- Rom. 5:10 Fighting, wanting our own way.

This puts distance between us.

Reconciled- Col. 1:21 God brings us together.

E. Condemned Or Justified

Condemned- John. 3:18 Already condemned.

As a man found guilty in a court of law.

Justified- Rom. 5:1,9 Legal term meaning *declared to be just*. God declares sins atoned for.

F. Under Wrath Or Accepted

Under Wrath - Rom. 5:9; 1:18; 2:6 As man found guilty in a court, sentenced to die and now escaped on the streets. We will be caught, we just don't know when.
Accepted - Eph. 1:6 God removes His judgment and accepts us in His presence, glad to see us.

G. Lake of Fire Or Heaven

Lake of Fire - Rev. 21:8 Description of those heading to Hell. Not all are guilty of gross sins, but all are guilty before God.

Heaven - 1Thess. 4:16-17 Those having a relationship with God are taken to heaven.

V. Men's Attempts To Gain A Relationship

After wronging another, many will attempt to act like they have done nothing wrong. When a law is broken try that in court! It won't work! Restitution must be made.

A. How Do Men Work At Getting Right?

Good Deeds, Read Bible, Pray, Give Money, Attend Church, Baptism

B. What Does God Think of Those Attempts?

Rom. 3:20 Keeping Law cannot make right

Isa. 64:6 Good works like a leper's rag

Titus 3:5 Only by mercy are we forgiven

Eph. 2:8-9 Works would only cause boasting

Conclusion:

Since there are some men that have a relationship with God, and all men start as God's enemies, there must be a way to gain a relationship with God. Man however cannot do it himself. There is another way, the subject of our next study.