

I. THE PURSUIT OF GOD

A. All of us like sheep have gone astray. (Isaiah 53:6)

B. There is none righteous, not even one. (Romans 3:10-11)

C. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost. (Luke 19:10)

1. The Spirit works in our minds to show us.

a) The rightness of seeking God

b) The dilemma of our condition

II. PROBLEM OF FORGIVENESS

A. We are called to forgive.

- 1. We are asked to accept the pain of sin.
- 2. We are asked to turn justice over to God.

B. God must act in justice. (Romans 3:26)

C. His justice is worked out in the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross.

III. THE NATURE OF THE LORD'S WORK - A GRACIOUS EXCHANGE

A. Our sin is taken by the Lord. God righteously deals with sin.

B. His righteousness is given to us. God grants us perfect standing.

IV. THE EXAMPLE OF ABRAHAM

A. He heard God's promise.

B. He believed God.

- 1. Ordering his life on what God said
- 2. Seeking God