

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

## LUKE CHAPTER 15:14-16

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### CHRISTIAN, COME HOME!

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,  
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

## Part Two

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Value, Worth, Salvation, Forgiveness, Repentance

Introduction to the Text; **Luke 15:14-16**

## The Theme and Textual Summation of the Passage

It's good for us to be Remembering just exactly what it was that generated **this series of parables...**

**Luke 15:11-13**

Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. :12 And the younger of them said to *his* father, "Father, give me the portion of goods that **falls to me.**' So he divided to them *his* **livelihood.** :13 And not many days after, the younger son gathered **all** together, **journeyed** to a far country, and there **wasted** his possessions with **prodigal** living.

**Luke 15:14-16**

But **when** he had **spent all**, there arose a **severe famine** in that land and he began to be in **want.** :15 Then he went and **joined himself** to a **citizen** of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. :16 And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, -  
For no one gave **him anything.**

What was **the cause**, the reason or logic

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Behind this young man's desire to depart from his father's house  
and to go out into the world?

**We Need To Know, We Must Know**

**Last time** together we learned these key

1.) **All** has been provided for v.11-12

1a.) **His love** has never been limited toward you

1b.) **His plan** has always included you

1c.) **His desire** has been for you

2.) **Mercy** has been extended v.13a

2a.) Even in the prescience of **sin**

2b.) Even tough you've wandered **far** from God

2c.) Even if you've made **dumb** decisions

3.) **Conviction** has been upon you v.13b

3a.) Because you've been doing the wrong **thing**

3b.) Because you've been going to the wrong **place**

3c.) Because you've been living the wrong **life**

Luke 15:14-16

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**CHRISTIAN, COME HOME!**

1.) **Challenging times** will come to you v.14

# CHALLENGING TIMES WILL COME TO YOU

## 1a.) Life lived away from the Lord brings poverty

### Verse 14

But when he had spent all...

### Verse 13

He journeyed to a far country,  
and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.

*(translation: everybody loved em' while he could afford the drinks)*

The Picture is one of "Running Away" from the will of God.

## The Will of God

Is what the Lord has designed for you to do and to be in this life!

(1)

The will of God is *the most perfect thing for you.*

(2)

The will of God *originates from the Love of God.*

(3)

The will of God *accomplishes the plans of God*

(4)

the will of God is *in opposition to the will of this world.*

## The Reason for His Leaving Home was to Avoid All That

### Matthew 6:9-10

"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
:10 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Dear Fellow Human,

What makes you think that they you know what's best for you?

Where did you get this idea? Who's been your educator?

### Again, Listen to This Verse - Prov. 16:25

There is a way *that seems* right to a man, (it's his will)  
But its end *is* the way of death.

## CHALLENGING TIMES WILL COME TO YOU

### 1b.) Life lived away from the Lord brings **uncertainty**

#### Verse 14

...there arose a **severe** famine  
In that land and he began to be in **need**.

### Life lived away from the Lord brings **uncertainty**

It's now an almost "paranoid" existence.

*The Lord May Not Engineer Our Worldly Ventures,  
but He will use them to bring about Hardships*

#### **Uncertainty**

*(Like Winnie the Pooh, lost in the 100 acre wood, at night, in the fog.  
Every breeze, cricket, owl or sound terrifies him)*

**Because you've been created in the image of God  
You cannot be satisfied or gratified without God.**

#### **1Corinthians 6:20**

For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify  
God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

## CHALLENGING TIMES WILL COME TO YOU

### 1c.) Life lived away from the Lord brings **regret**

#### Verse 14

And he began to be in **want**.

Webster 1828

**Regret**, The grief; sorrow; pain of mind caused by misfortune; the pain of conscience; the regret and sorrow of sin. To be in state of lamentation due to regrets; to go about being sorrowful over for the past.

How you choose to deal with "regret"

Will determine how you will “deal” with the rest of your life... - *meaning!*

**1Peter 5:6-7**

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, :7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

**CHRISTIAN, COME HOME!**

**2.) This world has *nothing on you***

**v.15**

**THIS WORLD HAS NOTHING ON YOU**

**2a.) Christian – you’re His now – remember that**

**Verse 15**

Then he went and **joined himself** to a citizen of that country,

**joined**

**κολλάω** from **κόλλα**

To get stuck to or be glued to. To be caught in the company of another!

There’s a Slippery Slope Down to The Valley of Sin.

**Revelation 2:5**

Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lamp stand from its place—unless you repent.

**What Happens When We Begin to “*join*” ourselves to sinful things?**

The word means to persist at it, to keep on begging.

He “**Enslaved**” Himself, He “**Sold**” Himself

Into a slavery of existence. – **But His Father Didn’t!!!**

**Christian – you’re His now – remember that**

His sin-debt became so great that he was reduced to begging a gentile to let him feed pigs – by his decision, he asked for the job!

**Sins can get us to ask for terrible things.**

**John 8:34**

Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin."

**John 8:32**

And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

**The New Living Translation**

**Romans 6:20-23**

In those days, when you were slaves of sin, you weren't concerned with doing what was right. :21 And what was the result? It was not good, since now you are ashamed of the things you used to do, things that end in eternal doom. :22 But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life. :23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Romans 8:15-17**

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." :16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, :17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,

**THIS WORLD HAS NOTHING ON YOU**

**2b.) Christian – you're a long way from home – act like it**

**Verse 15**

A citizen of **that** country

The things of this world should be **dangerous** and **foreign** for the Christian.

*We need to be careful that we don't walk too close to this world's city limits*

**Psalms 1:1-5**

Blessed *is* the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; :2 But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. :3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. :4 The ungodly *are* not so, But *are* like the chaff which the wind drives away. :5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

**Romans 8:13-14**

For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Holy Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. :14 For as many as are **led by the Spirit of God**, these are sons of God.

## THIS WORLD HAS NOTHING ON YOU

2c.) **Christian – you're called to a higher life – so live it**

### Verse 15

He was **sent** into the fields to **feed** swine.

## This Young Man's Situation

is anything but true regarding his real identity.

## He is a Son of the Father.

### 2Corinthians 5:16-17

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. :17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

### Ephesians 4:1

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you **to live a life** worthy of the calling you have received.

### Colossians 3:1-3

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. :2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. :3 For you died, and your life is now **hidden with Christ** in God.

**Hidden** κρύπτω *krupto*, *kroop'-to*;

To conceal, to hide. to keep secret or out of sight.

To remove from view.

## Matryoshka Doll Here

### John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who **takes away** the sin of the world!"

## Verse 15

He was **sent** into the fields to feed swine.

**Church Listen**, the “hard things” that he wouldn’t do for his loving father back home, he’s now having to do far worse things because he’s been reduced to being a slave to this world.

Every human being has been invited by The Lord to Return to the Lord.

## Project Human - The Creation of Mankind.

### Cain’s Jealous Heart

#### Genesis 4:6-7

Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? :7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.”

## CHRISTIAN, COME HOME!

3.) You’re no longer of this world

v.16

## YOU’RE NO LONGER OF THIS WORLD

3a.) So what are you doing there?

## Verse 16

And he would “gladly” have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate,

**Gladly** ἐπιθυμέω *epithumeo*, *ep-ee-thoo-meh’-o*;

To place or to set your heart in. A longing or coveting, a desiring, to lust after.

## The Things of This World

Have tricked you and deceived you into thinking satisfaction could be had.

#### 1John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. :16 For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. :17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.



**Galatians 5:16-18**

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. :17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these **are contrary to one another**, so that you do not do the things that you desire. :18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

**YOU'RE NO LONGER OF THIS WORLD**

**3b.) So how did you get there?**

**Verse 16**

And he would gladly have filled his stomach  
with the **Pods** that the swine ate,

**So how did you get there?**

He willingly “Took” his eyes off of God,  
he began to “Look” at other Points of Interests,  
he forgot God and His word.

**“What’s a Pod?”**

It’s the fruit of the carob tree used for fatten up animals  
for butchering or slaughtering. – To the market...

**“This Little Piggy”**

**2Timothy 4:3-5**

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; :4 and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. :5 But you be watchful

**Hebrews 5:11**

we have much to say, and hard to explain,  
since you have become dull of hearing.

A “pig’s meal” sounds good to him  
All Because He Let His Love for His Father & Home Grow Cold

**Anyone engaged to be married here - love has to be maintained**

## Jesus Warned Against “Cold” Love (Cold love is more of a “business” love)

### Revelation 3:15-16

“I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.  
:16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot,  
I will vomit you out of My mouth.

Laodicea is situated 11 miles downstream from the city of Colossae  
and 6 miles downstream from the city of Hierapolis

### Colossae

Was known for it's ice cold, mountain spring water which flowed from Mount Cadmus // Many travelers would make it a point to go to the streams of Colossae to be refreshed in it's cold, clear mountain waters.

### Hierapolis

On the other hand, was a place that was situated above a seismic fisher in the earth where hot mineral water flowed up and out into large therapeutic pools used for healing and relaxation.

Like Colossi, travelers and vacationers would make their way  
to Hierapolis for refreshing!

### Laodicea

This city existed between or in the Middle of these two other locations. As the water of these other two cities descended down from their elevations to enter the Lycus river valley, the hot and cold waters met at Laodicea.

### Jude 1:20

But you, beloved, **building** yourselves up on your most holy faith, **praying** in the Holy Spirit, :21 **keep** yourselves in the love of God, **looking** for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

## YOU'RE NO LONGER OF THIS WORLD

3c.) So why are you there?

### Verse 16

- for no one gave him anything.

You might be Seeking Fun & Pleasure at The Feed Trough of the  
World, but the Bill is Coming...

### Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin *is* death,  
but **the gift of God** *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Because You're a "Real" Christian, You Have a New Address

### Romans 6:14

For **sin shall not have dominion over you**,  
for you are not under law but under grace.

### Phil. 3:17-20

Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example. :**18** For I have told you often before, and I say it again with tears in my eyes, that there are many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ. :**19** Their future is eternal destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and all they think about is this life here on earth. :**20** For **we are citizens of heaven**, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior.

————— *End of Study* —————