

IF I AM LOST

Text: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

INTRO: Of course Paul had no intention of being disqualified & losing the prize--but he recognized such was a possibility. And more. He realized that unless he constantly practiced self discipline, he would indeed lose the race.

The danger that loomed before Paul also threatens us. Unless we are watchful, vigilant, careful, we could be lost. Let us consider the consequences, if I am lost.

I. I PROBABLY WILL NOT BE ALONE. Those I love best & those who love me best may follow my example. MT 5:16.

Woe to the world because of offenses [enticements to sin]! For offenses must come, but we to that man by whom the offense comes! (Matt 18:7).

II. I WILL BE LOST FOREVER.

Matt 25:46, everlasting punishment

Matt 25:41, everlasting fire

Mark 9:43-48, fire that shall never be quenched

Rev 20:10, tormented day & night forever & ever

III. I WILL SUFFER DOUBLE LOSS.

A. I will lose my soul in a devil's hell.

B. I will miss all the blessings & joy of heaven.

READ REVELATION 21:3-4, 23-27

IV. IT WILL NOT BE THE FAULT OF JESUS.

John 3:16; 2 Peter 3:9; Romans 5:8

NOTE: A multitude of warnings!

V. IT WILL NOT BE THE FAULT OF THE H.S., NOR OF THE CHURCH WHICH IS THE BRIDE OF CHRIST. Rev 22:17

NOTE: The N.T. revealed by the H.S., on page after page, instructs us toward heaven, warns about hell. The church never holds a service without extending an invitation to obey the gospel.

VI. IT WILL NOT BE BECAUSE OF THE SINS OF ADAM, OR MY PARENTS, OR OTHERS. Such sins may influence me, but they cannot compel me to violate God's law, nor alienate me from Him. Ezek 18:20; Isa 9:2

VII. IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, IT WILL BE MY OWN FAULT. READ HEBREWS 2:1-4.

Cox Springs, TX, January 8, 1967
Jonestown, TX, April 26, 1970
Springhill, LA, September 24, 1972
KBSF Radio, Springhill, LA, February 11, 1973
La Porte, TX, December 19, 1976
La Porte, TX, August 7, 1983
Exton, PA, March 22, 1987
Shiloh, Mexia, TX, November 17, 1991
Susquehanna, Marietta, PA, July 23, 2000