

## Introduction

*Luke 19:10 - For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

### I. In Luke 15 Jesus talked about three lost things to illustrate the point.

- A lost sheep – Lost in the Wilderness – Luke 15:15:1-7
- A lost Coin – Lost in the House – Luke 15:8-10
- A lost Son – Lost in the far Country – Luke 15:11-32

### II. The Trinity is Beautifully Illustrated in These Three Parables

- A. The First parable we looked at last week was about the lost sheep.
  1. Who went looking for the lost sheep?
  2. Where was the sheep lost?
  3. So, who is the Shepherd in this Parable?

### III. The Lost Coin - Luke 15:8-10

- A. The Woman of the House
- B. Lost her coin
- C. Sweeps the entire house
- D. Finds the coin
- E. Throws a party for family and friends
- F. Who is the WOMAN?
  1. The Woman is the Holy Spirit working through the Church
  2. What or who is the lost coin? The Coin = The man or person who does not know Christ.

### IV. In these parables notice the three CONDITIONS of MANKIND

- A. Lost
- B. Sought
- C. Found

D. In the first parable MAN was he LOST SHEEP that the GOOD SHEPHERD sought and found

E. In the parable of the COIN, MAN is the LOST COIN that the WOMAN lost in the house.

### V. The Lost Son - Luke 15:11-32

#### A. Three Main Characters are Mentioned

1. A Certain FATHER
2. A Wayward SON
3. A Hard-Working Older BROTHER

#### B. The Wayward Son

1. Rebelliously went to a far country
2. Ruined his life and fortune by his sins
3. Came to his senses
4. Returned to his father

#### C. The Waiting Father

1. Gave his son his inheritance.
2. Allowed his son to leave.
3. Then graciously receives him back when the son repents and returns.
4. Restores the son to full family benefits.

#### D. The Bothered Brother

1. Didn't care his brother had returned safely
2. Was angry with the father for forgiving his sinful brother
2. Questioned his father's motives and his heart

#### E. Who was the **Father** in this parable?

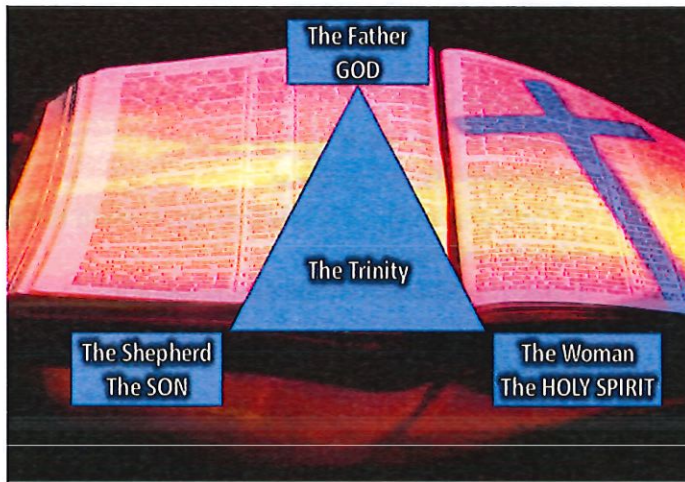
1. The Father represents **GOD**

**V. Our Mission Possible**

- A. We need to have the same compassion for lost souls that the Father had for His lost son.
- B. We need to avoid the attitude of the older brother.
- C. We need to be searching and waiting for the lost SON.

**VI. Conclusion**

- A. Are you willing to pick up your part of the Mission Possible that God is asking of you?
- B. What is God telling you to do?
- C. Please take a few minutes and fill out the card I have provided for you.



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