

“Don’t Forget These Verbs”

STRAYING

- to proceed without a sense of proper direction, go astray, be misled, wander about aimlessly
- speaking of sheep who have become lost

The Pharisees divided men into two classes: the unclean and the righteous, and they would have nothing to do with the “unclean.” The rabbis were so serious about not associating with the ungodly. They even refused to teach them the word of God.

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An individual love.

A patient love.

A seeking love,

A rejoicing love and a protecting love.

RECEIVES

to receive favorably, receive or welcome in a friendly manner (BDAG)

to receive to one's self, to admit, to give access to one's self (BLB)

Therefore if anyone is in Christ [that is, grafted in, joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior], he is a new creature [reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit]; the old things [the previous moral and spiritual condition] have passed away. Behold, new things have come [because spiritual awakening brings a new life].

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

ROMANS 5:8

The weak you have not strengthened, nor
have you healed those who were sick,
nor bound up the broken, nor brought
back what was driven away, nor sought
what was lost; but with force and cruelty
you have ruled them.

EZEKIEL 34:4

So they were scattered because there was no shepherd; and they became food for all the beasts of the field when they were scattered.

EZEKIEL 34:5

My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill; yes, My flock was scattered over the whole face of the earth, and no one was seeking or searching for them."

EZEKIEL 34:6

“Do you think that I like to see wicked people die? says the Sovereign LORD. Of course not! I want them to turn from their wicked ways and live.

EZEKIEL 18:23

The Shepherd does 3 things in this parable

1. He searches for His lost sheep
2. He reclaims His lost sheep
3. He rejoices over finding His lost sheep....His joy is so overwhelming that He invites His friends and neighbors to rejoice with Him!