

The Forgotten Ones

When we are abandoned we...

- Feel deceived
- Sense of loss
- Feel rejected
- Sense of hopelessness
- Fear abandonment
- Feelings of shame and self-blame
- Lose trust
- Lose self-esteem

Similarities between Saul's death and Christ's death:

- First, Saul's death appeared to be the end of all national hope.
- In a similar way, Christ's death appeared to be the end of all national and spiritual hope.

- Second, with Saul's death it seemed that the adversary had won the final victory.
- When Christ died, it seemed as though the Adversary of our souls had won. The gates of hell were declaring victory "The Messiah is dead."

- Third, Saul's death paved the way for an entirely new plan of operation and ushered in David's kingly line, which led to the Messiah.
- When Jesus Christ died, something new moved into action and set in motion our great salvation.

- Fourth, Saul's death opened the opportunity for another who would not otherwise have been included in God's line of blessing...David.
- Christ's death graciously opened the opportunity of salvation's blessing to the Gentile who would never have otherwise been able to enter and come boldly to the throne of grace.

- Fifth, Saul's death ended an era of dissatisfaction and failure.
- Christ's death ended an era of law and guilt, introducing an entirely new arrangement based on a new concept...grace.

- Sixth, and finally, Saul's death displayed the foolishness of man.
- Christ's death displayed in what some call the foolishness of God. Through the "foolishness" of God's plan, He brings to pass the incredible. He takes the preached word and He changes lives because of His Son's death.

- It is quite possible the Lord is saying to some of us who are just like Saul, who are in the process of living out that kind of regrettable life.... "Now is the time to stop."
- It is time to say...
- Lord, don't take sides, just take over.

1 Samuel 26:7-18
1 Samuel 26:21-25
1 Samuel 31:3-7
1 Corinthians 1:25