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OUTLINE 2/19/12: 1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-27/LUKE 15:8-10

The *Cause* of Successful Evangelism

(1) Seeking and finding the lost: Vs 8 / 5:39 It is heart of God and the life of the Church. John 3:16. The glory of God is in it. John 15:8

(2) The *motive* for her *diligent* search? Threefold:

(a) *Nine is not enough*. Completeness is God's purpose

(b) **The *condition* of the lost:** Is *unacceptable* to God
Ezekiel 37:1-5 / Ephesians 2:4-5 / Israel/Church/elect

(c) Hid in the dirt—2:7 / Proverbs 8:26

(3) The value of the coin is what makes the diligent search reasonable: Vs 8 It's God's/hers. John 20 ("Feed my sheep") / It's hers. (My little children)

(4) The method of discovery: How will the dead coin be distinguished from the dust of the floor? **Vs 8, 9** Revelation and sanctification: Light/ labor – Preaching/Teaching—1 Peter 1:23-25/ John 17:17 / Romans 10:17 / 1 John 4:6 /

(5) The *celebration of friends over the lost:* Vs 6 / Happy sisters. Savings recovered. Her ornament is complete. Revelation 21:1 / Malachi 3:17. *Satisfied!*

(6) A glorious *trinitarian* allusion:

The Shepherd – Christ The Father – Himself

The woman represents - the Spirit of God. The instrumental and immediate means. Acts 1:8/ 1 Thessalonians 4:6 / Rev 22:17

The triune God our redeemer!

(7) A Word to the coin: Do not despise God's means. "He that despises you, despises me." Respect, honor, love, and serve God through his Church. Hebrews 10:25-29