

## “The Reality of Hell”

*Luke 16: 19-24*

### *Open: Story*

- Two men from 2 completely different walks of life died (**note:** *Use this time to show it does not matter how much emphasis you put on this life, all will die one day. The quality of life lived on earth pales in comparison to what you will live in eternity.*)
  - Rich man vs. **19, 22**
  - Poor man vs. **20-22**
- The poor man died and went to Heaven. **vs. 22**
- The rich man died and went to hell. **vs.23-24**

### *Tran: Importance of the knowledge of Hell*

- Show the importance of Salvation for all.
- Reminder of what we were saved from, so we can be reminded of our obligation to our Heavenly Father.
- Show the importance for the need of compassion for all people we come in contact with. **John 4:35**  
*“Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.”*

## **I. Where is Hell? Hell is down**

- A. When the Bible mentions the word “hell”, it often refers to in being down.
  1. **Prov. 7:27** *“Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.”*
  2. **Is. 14:15** *“Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.”*
- B. The angles that sinned were cast down into hell. – **II Peter 2:4** *“For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;”*

## **II. What is in Hell?**

- A. Fire & Brimstone. – **Rev. 21:8** *“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”*
- B. Darkness that feels like a chain. – **Matt. 8:12a** *“But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness...”*
- C. Weeping & gnashing of teeth. – **Matt. 8:12b** *“...there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

- D. Hell is a place of torment that cannot be quenched. – **Luke 16:24** “*And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.*”
- E. Hell is a place of undying worms. – **Mark 9:43b -44** “*...to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: [44] Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.*”
- F. Hell is a place where no one dies – The Bible’s use of the word “*eternal*” tells us that the same way people live forever in heaven, is the same way people will never die in Hell.

### III. What is not in Hell?

- A. The worst part about hell is that you will be separated from the presence of God forever.
- **II Thess. 1:9** “*Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;*”
- B. No Joy – Never one time in the Bible do we find happiness or joy connected to those in hell.

### IV. Why do people go to Hell?

- A. Because God’s justice demands payment for sin. **Heb. 9:22b** “*...and without shedding of blood is no remission of sin.*”
1. Satan will one day pay for his sin. **Rev. 20:10** “*And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*”
  2. When we sin, we have done the same thing the devil will be punished for.
  3. God is not a respecter of persons and must treat all sin equally. – **Rom. 2:11** “*or there is no respect of persons with God.*”
- B. Because they do not accept by faith the free gift of Salvation. – **Mark 16:16b** “*... but he that believeth not shall be damned.*” {Damned = Condemned}

#### Close:

- How can I avoid going to hell? **Rom. 10:13** “*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*”
- The “ABCs” of Salvation **Rom. 10:9-10**
  - **A**dmit that you are a sinner.
  - **B**elieve that Jesus died for you and rose again to give you eternal life.
  - **C**onfess your need of a Saviour and place your faith in Him.

#### **John 3:36**

“*He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*”