

What the Bible Says About Hell

Facing Forever Pt 3

Luke 16:19-31

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2 Thes. 1:7 ... God will give you rest along with us when the Lord Jesus appears...

2 Thes. 1:8 bringing judgment on those who do not wish to know God and who refuse to accept his plan to save them....

2 Thes. 1:9 They will be punished in everlasting hell, forever separated from the Lord....

1) Hell is a place of Failure, with awareness of

a) the missed opportunities to receive, and reflect, Jesus.

Luke 16:19-21 There was a certain rich man....At his door lay a diseased beggar named Lazarus. As Lazarus lay there longing for scraps from the rich man's table, the dogs would come and lick his open sores.

b) its' absolute loneliness.

Luke 16:22 Finally, the beggar died and was carried by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried,

c) The beauty of heaven.

Luke 16:23 and his soul went to the place of the dead. There, in torment, he saw Lazarus in the far distance with Abraham.

Luke 16:24 "The rich man shouted, 'Father Abraham, have some pity! Send Lazarus over here to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in anguish in these flames.' (NLT)

2) Hell is a place of futility, characterized by...

a) a sense of total helplessness.

b) absence of the basics of human life.

c) tormenting heat.

3) Hell is a place of finality, characterized by...

a) The justice of God,

Luke 16:25 ..."Son, remember that during your lifetime you had everything you wanted, and Lazarus had nothing. So now he is here being comforted, and you are in anguish.

b) Seperation from God.

Luke 16:26 ...There is a great chasm separating us. Anyone who wanted to cross over to you from here is stopped at its edge, and no one there can cross over to us.'

c) Permanent existence.

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4) Hell results from free will.

Luke 16:31 "But Abraham said, 'If they won't listen to Moses and the prophets, they won't listen even if someone rises from the dead.' " (NLT)

<p>The BIG Question: <u>What choices am I making about hell, and about heaven?</u></p>
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