

## THE HORROR OF HELL

(Luke 16:19-31)

There are many warnings in life: flashing lights, signals, and words announcing danger. Did you know that the Bible also warns us that all people who die without Christ are lost and will be in Hell (Lake of Fire) forever? This is true for each of us and for every person we meet.

According to Jesus, there is a heaven and there is a hell and everyone goes to either one place or the other, but never to both. No one spoke more about Hell than Jesus. The Bible has 46 verses where He tells of Hell.

Though some desire to take the gold out of heaven and the fire out of hell, the Bible is clear. Death seals a person's destination, and hell is horrible. This is why we need to be about the work of MAKING DISCIPLES.

### THREE OBSERVATIONS FROM JESUS' WORDS WARNING US ABOUT THE HORROR OF HELL. The people we meet are lost in sin and need the Lord.

#### I. Jesus Tells Us Of Two Men Who Had Very Different Lives. (Luke 16:19-21)

This is not a parable, for Jesus never said it was, nor do parables have personal names in them.

A. The rich man seemed to have had everything going for him.

1. He was wealthy. This is not itself a criticism as the Bible mentions others...Abraham... His problem was he was self-indulgent to extreme excess. Clothed in purple and... He was a lover of money, and used his wealth to gratify his worldly pleasure.

2. Every time he in or out of his house he saw Lazarus and refused compassion...

B. Lazarus is sick, disabled, hungry, and poor. Yet, his name means "God has helped."

The contrast between the two men could not be greater.

Day after day Lazarus hoped to get some leftovers from the rich man's table. Yet, the one person in the whole world who was in the best position to help him refused to do it.

The Bible asks, "if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?" (1 John 3:17) It doesn't!!!

#### II. Jesus Tells Us Of The Only Two Very Different Final Destinations. (vv.22-23)

"There were 2 men, one on each side of the gate. Both men died and that changed everything, because they ended up on two different sides of eternity." Death is the great equalizer.

A. Lazarus died and immediately was gathered into the arms of God's angels. "God had helped."

1. He must have earlier put his trust in the Lord, though the text never tells.

Since Abraham is the father of all who believe, (Rom 4:11) so he too trusted God.

