

“The Gospel According to Luke:
What Does the Bible Say About Hell and Is Hell Eternal?”
Luke 16:19-31

“Neither a cavalier attitude toward the lost nor a compassionate compromise on the Biblical teachings on Hell are appropriate for a subject of such grave importance.” (Richard Mayhue)

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going.” (Ecclesiastes 9:10). “And in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.” (Luke 16:23). “But now [Lazarus] is comforted here (Abraham’s side), and you are in anguish.” (Luke 16:25c). “[Who] was caught up to the third heaven....And I know that this man was caught up into paradise....” (2 Corinthians 12:2-3; cf. Philippians 1:21-23). “Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.” (Revelation 20:14-15)

- Hades/Lake of Fire is a place of Justice and Judgment:
 - *“He (God) will render to each one according to his works: but for those who are self seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.”* (Romans 2:6,8; cf. Luke 16:24)
 - *“Or do you presume on the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?”* (Romans 2:4; cf. Luke 16:25)
 - *“But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed.”* (Romans 2:5; cf. Luke 16:29-31)
- Hades/Lake of Fire is a place of separation from the grace of God (sin restrained and kindness extended).
 - *“They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His might.”* (2 Thessalonians 1:9)
 - *“And throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”* (Matthew 13:42)
 - *“Where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.”* (Mark 9:48; Isaiah 66:24)
 - *“For whom the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved forever.”* (Jude 1:13b)
- Hades/Lake of Fire is eternal, not temporal.
 - *“And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.”* (Daniel 12:2)
 - *“And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”* (Matthew 25:46)
 - *“And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshippers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name.”* (Revelation 14:11)

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of January, we are collecting monetary donations for Heartbeats. Please see the January Newsletter for more information about this collection.

★**VOLUNTEERS:** We are looking for volunteers to serve on the Slides Team. If you have any questions about this or are interested in serving on this team, please see Elder Jake or Shanelle.

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer is TONIGHT, from 5:30-7pm. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body. Please consider joining us for a portion of this time or for the full time of prayer.

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch NEXT Sunday, January 11th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, please sign up to bring something for the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us!

★**BAPTISMS:** Our next Baptism Service will be on Sunday, January 18th. If you are interested in being baptized or if you have any questions about being baptized, please see Pastor Jeremey, Pastor Zach, Elder Richard, Elder Jake, or Elder Mike.

★*For all other announcements, please see the January Newsletter!*