

Series: Add To Your Faith

NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH 2 PETER 3:9 & OTHERS

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⁹ *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish**, but that all should come to repentance.*

Introduction:

As we read in our text it is not God's will for anyone to perish and spend eternity in Hell.

Note also:

1 Timothy 2:4

⁴ *Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.*

Luke 19:10

¹⁰ *For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

The questions has been asked, Is there life after this life, and if so do some people go Hell?

The answer is found in God's Word.

Revelation 20:11-15

¹¹ And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. ¹⁴ And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Though there very few messages preached about this place it still doesn't change the fact that there is this place and people who die lost go there.

Read Luke 16:19-26

Notice:

1. THE PLACE

A. Literal place

- The man in this passage could see
- The man in this passage could feel
- The man in this passage could hear
- The man in this passage could talk

B. Large place

C. Loud place ... Weeping and gnashing of teeth.

D. Lonesome place

2. THE PORTRAIT (LUKE 16:19-31)

A. Consider the rich man's dying moment (vs 22)

Luke 16:22

²² And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

1. Wealth doesn't secure one from death.

2. Death is the common end to all classes of mankind

3. Most live their life as if they are going to live forever.

B. Consider the described misery (vss 23-25)

Luke 16:23-25

²³ And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 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. ²⁵ But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

1. Hell is a place of punishment

- A lake of Fire Rev. 20:15
- A Bottomless Pit Rev. 20:1
- A Horrible Tempest Ps. 11:6
- A Devouring Fire Is 33:14
- A Place of Sorrows Ps 18:5

- A Place of Weeping Mat. 8:12
- A Furnace of Fire Mat. 13:41,42
- A Place of Torments Lu. 16:23
- A Place of Filthiness Rev. 22:10,11
- A Place of cursing God Rev. 16:11
- A Place of Everlasting Burnings Is. 33:14
- A Place of Everlasting Destruction II Thes. 1:9
- A Place of Everlasting Punishment Mat. 25:46
- A Place of Darkness Mat. 25:30
- A Place of no Rest Lu 16:27
- A Place of Screams of Mercy Lu 16:24
- A Place of Gnawing the Tongue Rev. 16:10
- A Place where Jesus does not want you to go.

2. Hell is a place of pain

C. Consider the desired mercy (vs 24)

Luke 16:24

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.*

1. A drop of water

D. Consider the disturbing memory (vs 25)

Luke 16:25

²⁵ *But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.*

E. Consider his deadly mistake (vs 30)

Luke 16:30

³⁰ *And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.*

1. He disbelieved
2. He disregarded
3. He despised
4. He disobeyed

F. Consider the divine message (vss 27-31)

Luke 16:27-31

²⁷ Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: ²⁸ For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. ²⁹ Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. ³⁰ And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. ³¹ And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

1. God has given all the warning needed.

3. THE POPULATION

A. Many will be in Hell

Matthew 7:13-14

¹³ Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: ¹⁴ Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Matthew 7:22-23

²² Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we

not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?²³ And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

B. Those that make up Hell

1 Corinthians 6:9-12

⁹ Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,¹⁰ Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.¹¹ And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.¹² All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

Galatians 5:19-21

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,²⁰ Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,²¹ Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall

not inherit the kingdom of God.

Revelation 21:8

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.

Close:

With all these things being said regarding this place call Hell, God has given us His Son, not willing that any should perish.

Today I ask, have you trusted Christ as your Saviour, are you a Christian?

Do you know someone who is not a Christian – then lets pray for them.