

CCI PRAYER PARTNERS
SUNDAY 05/19 -- "A VIEW FROM ETERNITY"

Dear Prayer Partners,

Luke 16:22 "So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried."

This **Sunday (5/19)** we turn our attention to **Luke 16:19-31**. Jesus shares a very familiar parable. It is commonly known as "The Rich Man and Lazarus". It is a vivid description of life beyond the grave. It is also, an uncomfortable truth of what happens when one dies without Jesus.

National Surveys show that most Americans, of every demographic, say they believe in Heaven and Hell. They believe there is a judgment concerning right and wrong. The problem is a majority of those who say they believe in Hell, live like they don't.

There's something, in our nature that causes us to deny the idea of eternal judgment. There's a reason. The truth about Hell is far worse than we are able to process. Most people may give lip service to a fiery judgment, but when the idea of eternal judgment is mentioned, the subject is changed.

Yet, Jesus spoke more about Hell than anyone else. The subject of Hell as an eternal judgment is mentioned, in the New Testament, around thirty-two times. Jesus, taught on Hell, twenty-seven of those thirty-two times. He came to earth to destroy the works of the devil. He came to earth to deliver people from eternal judgment. He came to earth to give mankind life and life more abundantly. I've heard it said that if you die and go to Hell, it's because you have fought God every step of the way.

Jesus desires to ignite and empower His people to passionately pursue those who are trapped in spiritual darkness. He promises to instruct, guide and provide opportunities for those people who, like the prophet Isaiah say, "Here I am Lord, Send Me".

Below are listed the Biblical descriptions and terms for Hell. Please read and look up the Scriptural references. As you do, prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to ignite your spirit, with that passion Jesus promises to give. A passion that motivates you to warn your family, friends and acquaintances concerning the danger of rejecting the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Passionately Pursuing God and the People He Loves,
Pastor

SUNDAY 05/19 OUTLINE:

GOSPEL OF LUKE

“A VIEW FROM ETERNITY”

TEXT: LUKE 16:19-31

Biblical Description:

The final state of the wicked is described under the figures of: ***Eternal fire*** (Matt. 25:41); ***the pit of the abyss*** (Rev. 9:2,11) ***outer darkness***: (Matt 8:12); ***torments*** (Rev. 14:10-11); ***eternal punishment*** (Matt 25:46); ***wrath of God*** (Rom. 2:5); ***second death*** (Rev. 21:8); ***eternal destruction from the face of the Lord*** (2 Thess. 1:9); Eternal sin (Mk. 3:29).

Biblical Terms:

- ***Sheol***: deep place; hollow; grave
- ***Hades***: Gk translated Sheol in Hebrew
- ***Tartarus***: Gk word describing the lowest level of Hell
- ***Gehenna***: Gk For Hell, eternal fire, punishment and torment
- ***Retribution***: Hell is Hell b/c it is the place where sin is unrestrained in its destructive passion (Prov. 14:12; 16:25; Matt 7:13; Ro. 5:12)

- **Prison Spirits:** Waiting in Hades awaiting their sentence of judgment and transferred to Gehenna (1Peter 3:19; Rev. 20:7)
- **Chains:** Refers to those angelic beings awaiting judgment (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6; Rev. 20:1)
- **Stripes:** The idea of degrees of punishment (Luke 12:48)
- **Weeping and gnashing of teeth:** Grinding or striking together one's teeth in rage, pain, or misery of disappointment. In O.T. it represents rage, anger, and hatred. The sorrow in hell will be caused by a sense of loss, anger and despair (Matt 8:12; 13:42,50; 22:13; 24:51; 25:30; Luke 13:28).
- **Abyss or bottomless pit:** Pit is closely assoc. with demons, and they are generally being released or confined to the pit. O. T. uses this word to refer to the place of the wicked dead (Rev. 9:1-2,11; 11:7; 17:8; 20:1,3)
- **Outer Darkness:** Heaven is bright and light b/c of the presence of Jesus Christ; Hell is a place of extreme darkness, not just gloomy or cloudy)
- **Destruction:** A place of destruction (2 Thess. 1:9)
- **Torments:** Most severe word in N.T. and it denotes pain and suffering as extreme forms of human suffering (Luke 16:28)
- **Worm:** The undying worm is in Gehenna and not Hades (Isaiah 14:11; 66:24; Mk9:44, 46, 48)
- **Fire:** Emphasizes continual suffering of the lost (Mk. 9:43-49)
- **Second death:** In contrast to physical death. Those who teach a view of annihilation or soul sleep often redefine this term to refer to a state of nonexistence or unconscious existence. In Scripture, however, death never refers to the cessation of life, but rather to the separation of something from that to which it belongs (Revelation 20:14)
- **Wrath of God:** As an expression of His holiness, truth, and justice, God must punish sin (Romans 1:1-18)
- **Eternity:** All the adjectives applied to hell give it a degree of suffering that is beyond the realm of human comprehension. Then add this word.