The Truth About Eternity: Part 1

Series: Future Ending

Luke 16:19-31

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27 "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house,
28 for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' 29 Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.'
30 And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'
31 But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'" Luke 16:19-31



INTRODUCTION:

I. Jesus On The Subject of Hell

13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because[a] narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. Matthew 7:13-14

II. What Jesus Taught About Hell

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A. Hell Is An Actual Location

46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." Matthew 25:46

1. "Tartaros" (2 Peter 2:4) - This describes the place of judgment of the wicked angels described in Jude 6.

2. "Gehenna" (Revelation 19:20; 20:10; 20:15) - It is used twelve times in the New testament and primarily refers to the eternal lake of fire that will be the final residence of all unbelievers.

3. "Hades" (Luke 16:23; Revelation 20:14) - It describes the temporary location of the unsaved dead who are awaiting the Great White Throne Judgment.

B. Hell Is A Place of Physical Torment

28 There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out. Luke 13:28

24 "Then 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.' Luke 16:24

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. **Matthew 10:28**

20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. **Revelation 19:20**

10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where[a] the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. Revelation 20:10

C. Hell Is A Place of Indescribable Loneliness

12 But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matthew 8:12

D. Hell Is A Place of No Return

No Exit Signs In Hell!

E. Hell Is A Deserved Judgment

25 But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. Luke 16:25

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29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? **Hebrews 10:29**

1. "Trampled"

2. "Regarded as unclean"

3. "Insulted the Spirit of Grace"