

Pastor Paul's Newsletter for 2-4-23. Tap the arrow below to read. Also we will have a powerful service tomorrow at The Christian Center; make plans to be there. If you just can't make it, tap this link at 10:45am for live online service <http://my.itexttoday.net/apps/2323/8833/index.html>

### **Hell Is Real, And I'm Not Going!!!**

In our modern day time, we see so many people that do not even think that there is life after death. They have no thoughts that they will leave their bodies one day and travel to a spiritual location. The Bible that God inspired describes two places so that we can make sure we end up in the right place. Now what I'm telling you is not science-fiction; it is God's spiritual truth to be believed. So let us read the Bible - God's spiritual, geography book.

Luke 16:19-31 KJV There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: [20] And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, [21] And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. [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; [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. [26] And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. [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.

In these verses we see that there was a place called Hell where the rich man was after his physical death. Notice that the rich man was still conscious after his physical death; his body was dead, but his soul and spirit were not. He could think and see things in a spiritual way. He talked to Abraham, so they communicated with each other while out of their bodies. Jesus was able to see them and describe them because He was spiritually minded and physically minded at the same time. Now Jesus called the holding place, for those that believed in Christ, Abraham's bosom. The Old Testament people had to wait till Jesus died for their sins before they could go to Heaven. When Jesus came and died for their sins, they were born again in Abraham's bosom, and they went to Heaven. Now all the people that died before Jesus came, who did not believe in the Christ and repent of their sins, were put into Hell; and they have been tormented day and night for all these thousands of years.

2 Peter 2:4-7 KJV For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to Hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; [5] And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; [6] And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrhah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; [7] And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked...

So as born-again Christians, we must help people understand that if they don't receive Jesus as their own personal savior, and repent of their sins, they will go to Hell. We must tell them that they don't have to go to Hell, because Jesus died for their sins; and if they will receive Him, they can go to Heaven and miss Hell.

Revelation 20:11-15 KJV 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.

As Christians we are so free, because we never have to be afraid of going to Hell. Jesus paid the penalty of our sins. But we must warn others, so they can become born-again Christians and go to Heaven with us. Till next time, remember I'm praying for you; and I love you.

Pastor Paul

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### This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday Proverbs 31

Tuesday Ecclesiastes 1

Wed. Ecclesiastes 2

Thurs. Ecclesiastes 3

Friday Ecclesiastes 4

Saturday Ecclesiastes 5

Sunday Ecclesiastes 6

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### UPCOMING...

\*\*Contribution reports are ready. You can pick them up at the office from 8am-4pm Monday-Friday, or call the office to have them mailed to you

\*\*Our Mobile Prayer Unit will now be located in the Hobby Lobby parking lot on Fridays 2-3:30pm

\*\*Women's Fellowship: Next Saturday 9am in the Fellowship Hall

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES at 9:45am

Children — 6 months - 5th grade

Youth — 6th -12th grades

Young Singles/College & Career — 18-26 years of age - Eliav/Kim Nash

### ADULT CLASSES

\*Foundation 1 - Pastor Paul

\*Healing - Lester/Monica Witherspoon

\*Foundation 2 - Mike Wiggins

\*Marriage - Danny/Demetrice Williams

\*Faith - Mike Whitley

\*Prayer - Joe Cunningham