

## **Why Hell? - Luke 16:19–31**

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. <sup>20</sup> At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores <sup>21</sup> and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup> “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’ <sup>25</sup> “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup> “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father’s house, <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup> “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup> ““No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup> “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’” - **Luke 16:19–31**

**God doesn’t send anyone to hell. We send ourselves**

**The reality of hell shows us the extent of Gods’ love in saving us**

**How God saves us from hell**

### **G.O.S.P.E.L.**

**G**od created us to be with Him. (Genesis 1-2)

**O**ur sins separate us from God. (Genesis 3)

**S**ins cannot be removed by good deeds. (Genesis 4 – Malachi 4)

**P**aying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again. (Matthew – Luke)

**E**veryone who trusts in Him alone has eternal life. (John)

**L**ife with Jesus starts now and lasts forever. (Acts – Revelation)