



THE WORD *Alive*

The Preaching Ministry of
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WHAT IN HELL IS GOING ON: *THE REALITY OF HELL*

Luke 16:19-31

19 "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. 20 At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores 21 and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. 24 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.' 25 "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. 26 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.' 27 "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, 28 for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' 29 "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' 30 "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' 31 "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.'"

I. IN HELL, THE RICH MAN _____ UP—WE NEED TO HAVE A _____ OF HEAVEN

Notice two things about the agony of hell:

1. He _____ people in heaven: 23 "*In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.*"
2. He could _____ his life on earth
25 "*But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime...'*"

Matthew 25:41, "*Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.*"

II. IN HELL, THE RICH MAN _____ OUT—WE NEED TO HEAR THE VOICES FROM HELL

1. A cry of _____ agony: "HELP ME!!!!" 24 "*So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me'*" John 7:37 "*If anyone thirsty, let him come to me and drink!*"
2. A cry of _____ for his family: "WARN THEM!!!!" 27 "*He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, 28 for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'*"

APPLICATION:

DO YOU HAVE A BURDEN FOR THE SALVATION OF YOUR OWN SOUL?

DO YOU HAVE A BURDEN FOR PEOPLE HEADED FOR HELL?

"I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, the people of Israel... Brothers, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved." Romans 9:2-3; 10:1