

The GOD Questions



How Can A Loving God Send People To Hell?

Introduction: Luke 16:19-31

1. In Jesus' parables one central theme comes forth challenging us to face the truth and make a decision.
2. The central theme of this parable is: *Our choices in this life determine our destiny in the next life.*
3. Reviewing this parable as a little drama, viewed in three different acts...

ACT I: Luke 16:19-21

ACT II: Luke 16:22-26

ACT III: Luke 16:27-31

I. Truth that demands a decision for non-Christians.

A. Hell is a real place for all of eternity.

1. It's not popular to talk about hell.
"Annihilation" & "Universalism"
2. v. 23 - "In hell where he was in torment..."
3. Hell is the place of eternal exile where the ungodly will experience God's righteous retribution against sin.
4. Hades - the place where the unrighteous go at the moment of death. Revelation 20:14
5. Gehenna - "their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched." Mark 9:44,46,48 (this was used 11 times by Jesus)

B. Once you're dead it's too late.

1. Matthew 25:41 "...the devil and his angels."
2. Everyone else who makes the same choice as Satan.

C. God's holiness and justice. (Romans 2:5;11:22)

D. The Scriptures are sufficient for salvation. (I John 5:13, Romans 1:16)

II. Truth that demands a decision for Christians.

- A. The sin of indifference and ignoring others needs. (Matt. 25:40, Phil. 2:3-4)
- B. Affluence is dangerous. (I Timothy 6:6-10)
 - Self-righteous judgment

Conclusion:

1. Don't waste your life on yourself. (Luke 12:33)
2. Tell everyone you can before it's too late!!!!
3. Avoid hell at all costs! Today is the day of salvation!!