

# BEULAH BEACH

## Hell

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# Outline

- A. What is Hell?
- B. Is Hell real? Does it actually exist?
- C. Why does it exist? What is the purpose of Hell?
- D. Who occupies Hell?
- E. Does God send people to Hell?

# Key text — Luke 16:19-31:

- ◆ 19 — The Rich Man and Lazarus: “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.
- ◆ 20 — And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,
- ◆ 21 — who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores.
- ◆ 22 — The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried,
- ◆ 23 — and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.
- ◆ 24 — And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’



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- ◆ 25 — But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.’
- ◆ 26 — And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’
- ◆ 27 — And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house —
- ◆ 28 — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’
- ◆ 29 — But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’
- ◆ 30 — And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’
- ◆ 31 — He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’ ”



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What is Hell? — The ultimate fruit of the sins that are not covered by the blood of Christ.

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Is Hell Fair?

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There are gradations of Hell.

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# Comparing Heaven and Hell

Heaven	Hell
Gift	No gift
Not earned	Earned
People don't deserve what they receive.	People deserve what they receive.
Jesus got what we deserve. We get what Jesus deserves.	People get what they deserve.
Jesus earned this for us.	People earned this for themselves.
Given in full for eternity: grace upon grace	Wages given in full for eternity
Unfair	Fair

# Miles McKee:

“Since all things are now new, we have no time to run around the place feeling guilty. What do we have to feel guilty about? All the rotten wretched things we have ever done are under the blood. They are forgiven, forgotten, buried and done away with in Christ! I know we find this very hard to believe but the more we bathe in the finished work the stronger our faith grows. We used to be under a curse as lawbreakers (Galatians 3:10), but now Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law having been made a curse for us at the cross (Galatians 3:13). God now reckons us as being righteous.”

# Is Hell Real? Does it really exist?

◆ **A. W. Pink**— “God’s love is a holy love, and because it is such, he hates all evil;... it is written, “Thou hatest all workers of iniquity (Psalm 5:5).” Startling as it may sound, it is, nevertheless, a fact, that scriptures speak much more frequently of God’s, anger and wrath, than they do of His love and compassion.”

◆ — *Eternal Punishment*, Arthur Pink Collection Book 17.



## Matthew 13:41–42 (ESV)

“The son of man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”



# Why does Hell exist? What is the purpose of Hell?

Matthew 25:41 (ESV)

Then He will say to those on his left,  
'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire  
prepared for the Devil and his angels.'

# What is Hell like?

Hell is the complete absence of God. The restraint of the Holy Spirit is completely absent. Man in his unrestrained sin and the demons populate Hell.

# Does God send people to Hell?

- ◆ People are born Hell-bound because of our sinful nature.
- ◆ **John 3:17–19 (ESV)** — “For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”
- ◆ 18 — Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only son of God.
- ◆ 19 — And this is the judgment: “The light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.”



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# Who will be in Hell?

- ◆ Hell will be populated by demons and the unsaved.
- ◆ There are no other occupants.

# Revelation 20:10 (KJV)

- ◆ “And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”

# Matthew 25:41–46 (ESV)

- ◆ 41— “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
- ◆ 42 — for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
- ◆ 43 — I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’
- ◆ 44 — then they also will answer, saying, ‘lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’
- ◆ 45 — then He will answer them, saying, ‘truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’
- ◆ 46 — and these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”



# Is Hell fair? Is the punishment excessive?

**Luke 16: 27-31.** “The Pharisee in torment speaking to Abraham who was in Paradise: ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”



# Hell is not the same for everyone. There are gradations of Hell.

- ◆ Matthew 16:27 (ESV) — "For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done."
- ❖ 2 Corinthians 5:10 (ESV) — "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil."

# There is no exit out of Hell.

Jesus warned:

- ◆ Matthew 3:12 (ESV) —“His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”
- ◆ Mark 9:43 (ESV) —“And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to Hell, to the unquenchable fire.”

# Revelation 14:9–11 (ESV)

- ◆ 9 — “And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “if anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand,
- ◆ 10 — He also will drink the wine of God’s wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the lamb.
- ◆ 11 — And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name.”



# Where is Hell?

Luke 16:19 — the story of the rich man and Lazarus suggests:

- ◆ Lazarus is not in sheol but the rich man is, or
- ◆ There is an impassable barrier in sheol that separates the saved from the unsaved
- ◆ Lazarus is living in a beautiful, comfortable place with wonderful light. That does not suggest any underground place.