#### **♦**SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, November 10, 2019

## "IS HELL FOR REAL?"

(Luke 16:19-31)

The topic of hell raises plenty of questions and concerns. It is often dismissed, rejected as too uncomfortable and unreasonable to our modern mindset. The only way to reject hell is to reject the Bible's authority. The Bible teaches four fundamental truths about hell.

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"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23, CSB).

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9, NIV).

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## Hell is Real.

"the punishment of eternal fire" (Jude 1:7, CSB).

"tormented with fire and sulfur in the sight of the holy angels and in the sight of the Lamb, and the smoke of their torment will go up forever and ever" (Revelation 14:10-11, CSB).

"lake of fire" (Revelation 20:15, CSB).

"Their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched" (Mark 9:49; cf. Isaiah 66:24).

"I will announce to them, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you lawbreakers!" (Matthew 7:23, CSB).

# Hell is Horrible.

## Hell is **Eternal**.

"Besides all this, a great chasm has been fixed between us and you, so that those who want to pass over from here to you cannot; neither can those from there cross over to us" (Luke 16:26, CSB).

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

### Hell is avoidable.

"Do not be amazed at this, because a time is coming when all who are in the graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done good things, to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked things, to the resurrection of condemnation" (John 5:28-29, CSB).

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"For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead" (Acts 17:31, NIV).

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