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Hell is for Real ***Doug Dingley***

“Hell is for real.” When was the last time you heard someone say that? When was the last time you heard some money or power hungry televangelist teach that soul-searing truth (2 Ptr. 2:1-3; Acts 20:30)?

Some number of years ago a book came out about a little boy’s supposed experience of dying and going to heaven for a few minutes (said experience itself later publicly confessed to be fraudulent), proclaiming that ‘heaven was for real!’ Now, of course we already knew that based on much better and more reliable testimony because God in the flesh – Jesus Christ Himself – very clearly and plainly told us so (Jn. 14:1-3 and etc.). But my point is, why isn’t there a popular, best-selling, and well-known book out there proclaiming that ‘hell is for real?’ The reasons should be obvious: Because the thought of eternally ongoing punishment in the flames of eternal hell make most people extremely uncomfortable (And why not? The Bible says that it is ‘the many,’ or the majority of people who will choose the easy way that leads there – Matt. 7:13-14). Because Satan continues to do everything in his nasty and deceptive power to keep unsaved people so preoccupied with the things of this world that they have neither the time nor the interest to truly explore the horrors awaiting them there (2 Cor. 4:3-4; 1 Jn. 2:15-17; Rev. 14:9-11).

Because few want to face the fact that hell is every bit as real as heaven. In fact, many have pointed out that Jesus actually talked and taught more about hell than He did about heaven! So why don't we do the same, as those who claim to be following in His footsteps?

This fact is, that people who are totally oblivious to the fact – folks that neither know nor understand – that they are sick and soon going to die without proper medical treatment have no reason to seek help from a physician. Likewise, those who are kept totally in the dark about the horrors of hell that await all sinners who have not received God's grace and forgiveness through their faith, repentance, and gospel obedience (Acts 2:38-41; 2 Thess. 1:7-10), will typically find little reason to take us, or the salvation we offer, very seriously (if at all), as long as they have no idea of what it is they need to be saved FROM.

Let us make sure, as those who claim to be following in Jesus' footsteps to heaven, that we too, make sure that people know the hellish reality of their eventual eternity that they desperately need to be saved FROM, before trying to teach them that they need to be saved at all. Otherwise, if they feel they are fine as they are, why would they listen?

Today's Sermons

AM - A Lost Soul - Part 1
Luke 16:19-31

PM - A Lost Soul - Part 2
Luke 16:19-31

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Fredie Stewart, Mary Lewis,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Carolyn Callis
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis
Phillip Mullins, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance, Shirley Puckett
Gaylon & Betty Cooper
Carleton & Cindy Kidder

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,
Beverly Martindale,
Glenn Lovell, Gladys Gowan,
Diane Hubbard, Brandi Rogers,
Marilyn Ferrell, Corey Allen,
Ruby Malone, Justin Puckett,
Kenton Lancaster

Food Committee 3rd Quarter

Janet Taylor, Doris Joyner
Pearl Johnson, Panda Green,
Sheila Greer, Lana Ghimpu,
Sandra Epperson, Cindy Kidder,
Sheila Kidder, Faye Venable

New Phone Number
Laura Rushing
731-616-1146

Happenings

August 24th

Congregational Cookout
We will begin at 3:00 pm.
Meal to be served at 4:00 pm.
Signup sheets are on the
bulletin board

August 29th

Apologetics Press Dinner at the
Henderson Church of Christ.
Meal Starts at 6 PM.
Signup sheet is on the
bulletin board.

Other Events are posted on the
bulletin board

Cards to Send

Jerry Crabb
530 North Church Street
Jackson, TN 38301

Gwen Smith
495 Medon Malesus Road
Medon, TN 38356

Weekly Record

6 AM	0
Bible Class	45/6
AM Worship	69/16
PM Worship	46/18
Wed Bible Study	45/6
Contribution	3261
Budget	4014

Those Privileged to Serve

Aug 11- AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Pack, R Clouse

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Charlie Richardson

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Jonathan Orr

Communion: Marion Thomas

Jerry Butcher

Aug 18- AM WORSHIP

6 AM - P. Hatcher, J. Butcher

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jeff Bliss

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Carleton Kidder

Communion: Joe Venable

Jonathan Orr

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Joe Venable

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Jerry Butcher

Communion: Joe Venable

Aug 14 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Devo - Marion Thomas

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Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Ronald Clouse

Devo - Mike Wages

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - Fox 16	9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM