

## **SOTM 14 - The Truth About Hell**

### **There Is Only One Gospel**

It is the gospel taught by Jesus Christ. Mat 28:19-20 proves the apostles did not teach a different gospel than the one Jesus taught.

**Matthew 28:19-20** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **(20) Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:** and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

**There is no other gospel!** Any modern day preacher who says the words of Jesus do not apply to Christians is a false prophet. He (or she) is one of the very ones Jesus warned us about who would come in His name as wolves in sheep's clothing. He (or she) is one of the many antichrists who are already in the world that John wrote about in 1<sup>st</sup> John.

When Jesus says we are to use extreme discipline (discipline so painful it would be like cutting off our hand) to keep our bodies from sinning ... or risk spending eternity in Hell ... He means it. He suffered intense agony so we could have His life in us to mortify the deeds of the body.

### **The Truth About Hell**

**Matthew 5:22** But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of **hell fire**.

**Matthew 5:29-30** And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast *it* from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into **hell**. **(30)** And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast *it* from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into **hell**.

**Hell exists.** Jesus taught often about hell. The Savior was not making things up. The Savior was not lying to us. The Savior was not trying to frighten us with scary stories. The Savior is trying to "save" us from ever having to go there.

"**Your whole body**" is referring to your spiritual body, not the physical body. The physical body will return to dust, but the spiritual body lives forever. Every person, sinner or saint, is an eternal creature and will live somewhere forever.

1. Remember Dave's teaching about the spiritual body.
2. Luke 16:23-24 And in hell he lift up his **eyes**, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. (24) And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the **tip of his finger** in water, and cool my **tongue**; for I am tormented in this flame.
3. If your spiritual body has eyes, tips of fingers, and a tongue then it is pretty safe to assume it is a complete body. **Hell is as real as heaven** and Jesus is warning us to take extreme measures to avoid going there.

**Hell is a place of eternal torment.** The story of the rich man in hell is not a parable. There was a "certain" man ... and we are given the name of the beggar Lazarus. The Rich man had five brothers. These were real people and these are true events.

1. "I am tormented in this flame."
2. There is no escape. There is no Savior coming for you. This torment is forever.
3. **Mark 9:42-48** And whosoever shall offend one of *these* little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea. (43) And if thy **hand** offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into **hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: (44) Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.** (45) And if thy **foot** offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into **hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: (46) Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.** (47) And if thine **eye** offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into **hell fire: (48) Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.**

### **Avoid Hell By Walking In The Spirit Instead Of Living After The Flesh**

1. **Eye** ... what you see. **Hand** ... what you do. **Foot** ... where you go.
2. Jesus is our example. He did not gouge out his eye or cut off his hand or foot. He lived in the same kind of sinful flesh as us, yet without sin. How did He do it? By employing the "light of life" within Him to mortify the deeds of the body, no matter how much the flesh suffered. He felt the pain of suffering to resist sin the same way we do. He did it and He is telling us, with the same "light of life" ... we can do it too. **1 Peter 4:1 he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;**

**3. I saw a split-screen vision:**

**Genesis 2:17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof **thou shalt surely die.**

**Romans 8:13** **For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die:** but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

**The serpent had said in the garden,**

Genesis 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, **Ye shall not surely die:**

4. Jesus is the WORD OF GOD. Jesus is telling us again that God's Word is **truth. If you live after the flesh, you shall die!** Jesus is teaching us to mortify the deeds of our bodies the same way He mortified the deeds of His body. It may feel like the pain of gouging out your eye or cutting off your hand ... but the alternative is eternity in hell fire. Suffer in the flesh now so you will not suffer in hell for all eternity. Any price is worth it to escape hell.

**You Are Not Alone. Christ Has Joined With You.**

In The New Covenant The Savior Has Come On The Inside To Empower You. That is what God's grace is. You are no longer a slave to sin. You do not have to sin. Christ is in you and you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. You have been made free from sin by the grace of God so you can deny ungodliness and worldly lusts.

**Titus 2:11-12** For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, (12) Teaching us that, **denying** ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

**Christ Created Hell For The Devil & Demons**

**John 1:1-3** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) The same was in the beginning with God. (3) **All things were made by him;** and without him was not any thing made that was made.

**Matthew 25:41** Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, **prepared for the devil and his angels:**

**Christ Himself Has Suffered In Hell For Us**

**Acts 2:27** Because thou wilt not leave **my soul in hell,** neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

### **Notes concerning the Rich Man who wound up in Hell**

1. He was surprised to wake up in hell.
2. There are no unbelievers beyond the grave. But then it is too late.
3. He was relying on his "sonship" because he was a descendent of Abraham.
4. His focus was on receiving good things in this life ("My Best Life Now").
5. He lived in direct violation of the Word of God regarding the poor.
6. He did not take seriously the warning of the Word of God which he heard every week in the synagogue. (The writings of Moses)

**Luke 16:27-31** Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: (28) For **I have five brethren**; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. (29) Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. (30) And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, **they will repent.** (31) **And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.**

The Rich Man wanted his brothers to REPENT. During the rich man's lifetime, he did not repent and was now tormented in hell. He is being told, "You had the Word of God through Moses and you did not repent. Your brothers have the Word of God through Moses and they have not repented. They would not repent if someone from the dead spoke the Word of God to them."

What is the lesson being taught here? JESUS IS THE WORD OF GOD! HE IS TELLING US TO REPENT OF SIN. HE HAS COME ON THE INSIDE OF YOU AT THE NEW BIRTH TO EMPOWER YOU TO REPENT OF SIN. IT IS NOW YOUR CHOICE. WILL YOU REPENT IN THE POWER OF CHRIST AND AVOID HELL? OR WILL YOU CONTINUE TO LIVE AFTER THE FLESH AND DIE?

**HEAVEN IS REAL! HELL IS REAL! CHOOSE HEAVEN! REPENT TODAY!**

**Jesus does not use qualifying phrases the way modern preachers do like;**

1. He knows you are weak and cannot stop.
2. He knows your heart, that you would like to stop (as though that is enough).
3. The blood is enough (do they mean without repentance? The blood IS enough ... it is enough to forgive you and give you a new life so you can live above sin.)
4. I'm not strong enough.
5. I can't quit.

6. I'm praying to get strong enough to quit.

**All such statements fly in the face of what Jesus said in His gospel:**

**John 8:12** Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: **he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.**

At the new birth, Jesus empowers you with the light of life. This is the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus that empowers you to stop sinning. It is hard on the flesh. Jesus knows that. He experienced that. Yet He lived without sin.

Jesus is plainly saying if you continue living in iniquity by not keeping your body under discipline, you can wind up in hell. I can hear people protest - *"That doesn't sound like grace to me. Paul did not preach that."* Yes Paul did:

**1Co 9:27** But I keep under my body, and bring *it* into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a **castaway**.

Paul is teaching the same gospel Jesus taught. He is applying the teaching of Jesus to himself.

**Matthew 13:47-50** Again, the **kingdom of heaven** is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: (48) Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but **cast** the bad **away**. (49) So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, (50) And shall **cast** them **into the furnace of fire**: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Where are they cast? Into the furnace of fire! This is not a "loss of reward" issue. This is a heaven or hell issue. **The gospel of Jesus Christ sets man free from sin. Anything less than that is not the true gospel of Christ.**

This is why Paul was so severe in his judgment of the man who had his father's wife in Corinth. The goal was so the man's spirit could eventually be saved. If the man did not repent and died in his existing state of fornication, he would most certainly not be saved. He would not inherit the kingdom of God. He would have no inheritance in the kingdom of God. He would be cast into the furnace of fire, just like the rich man who despised Lazarus. And, to make matters worse, the leaven of false doctrine would spread throughout the Corinthian church and he would take many to hell with him.