

LENT

Between Life & Death

**From the Fear that dares not face new Truth,
From the Laziness that is content with Half-Truth,
From the Arrogance that thinks it knows all Truth,
Good Lord, deliver me. Amen**

This is God's Word for my life in this Place and at this Time. Today I am a new creation in Christ, I am God's very own, and I believe He has a purpose for my life.

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.”

So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father’s house, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

“Abraham replied,
‘They have Moses and the Prophets;
let them listen to them.’”

“No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’”

“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Luke 16:19-31

Is it Real?

Our belief about Hell is crucial to know

Our Own Heart

Live in Peace in the World

God's Love

We Lose our Identity in our Addictions

“They themselves are slaves of depravity—for a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him.” 2 Peter 2:19

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Denial — *The time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.* **2 Tim 4:3**

Hell is a result of Sin

All Sin tends to be Addictive

All Addictions are Destructive

Hell is the ultimate reality of Addicts

The Gates of Hell are locked from the Inside

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.”

Revelation 3:20

In the long run, the answer to all those who object to the doctrine of hell is itself a question: "What are you asking God to do?" To wipe out their past sins and, at all costs, to give them a fresh start, smoothing every difficulty and offering every miraculous help? But He has done so, on Calvary. To forgive them? They will not be forgiven. To leave them alone? Alas, I am afraid that that is what He does."

—C S Lewis on Christianity

God's Solution to Hell is found in Jesus Christ

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

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Consistency – *You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light* Ephesians 5:8

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