


## “Heaven and Hell”

Luke 16:19-30; Revelation 20:10-21:8,22-27  
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### Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit’s promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read Luke 16:19-30 and Revelation 20:10-21:8,22-27. What stood out to you? What did you find interesting and/or important? What was challenging or caused you to have questions?

### Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

#### INTRODUCTION

- 1 This was the last sermon in the series #Doctrine. Which doctrine was your favorite? Is there something that wasn’t covered that you wish would have been? Have you ever heard a sermon before directly on the topics of heaven and hell? Why do you think our culture either dismisses them all together, or just assumes that everyone is going to heaven?
- 2 Summarize the *Big Idea* of the sermon in *one phrase or sentence* (Note: this is not the same as listing the main points). In other words, if someone woke you up at 3am on Monday morning and asked, “What was the sermon about on Sunday?” what would you say in the midst of your sleepy haze?

#### HEAVEN AND HELL: THE INTERMEDIATE STATE

- 3 In your own words, what is the “intermediate state”? How is the intermediate state demonstrated by the story of the rich man and Lazarus?

- 4 What comfort does the intermediate state give to believers, and what warning does it give to unbelievers? How is the intermediate state different from what some people call, “purgatory”?

#### HEAVEN AND HELL: THE FINAL STATE

- 5 What is the difference between heaven and hell in the intermediate state and heaven and hell in the final state? Why is heaven “better” in the final state, and hell “worse”?
- 6 What happened to Jesus when he died? How is his death and resurrection help us understand what will happen to us one day?

#### HEAVEN AND HELL: THE CURRENT STATE

- 7 *Two Questions*. Do you recall a moment in your life when you first asked Jesus to save you from an eternity in hell?
- 8 Brandon said we are saved by putting our faith and trust in Jesus. However, Revelation says that we will be judged by our deeds. So which is it? Are we saved by faith, or by our deeds?
- 9 *Evangelism and Missions*. Discuss the following two quotes. To whom has God called you to share the good news of the gospel?

If sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies. And if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay. If hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned or unprayed for. —Charles Haddon Spurgeon  
I would that God would make hell so real to you that you could not rest. —Hudson Taylor

- 10 *The things of this life*. How did the rich man demonstrate a life that cared about the wrong things? What do you feel God has called you to do with the “dash” between your birth and death? What is one thing that you could do in this life that might one day be a part of the new heavens and new earth?

### Step 3: Final Reflections

- ✠ How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?