



## I. REVIEW/INTRO

- A. Afterlife
  - What happens when you leave this life?
- B. What you believe about eternity will determine how you will live today.

## II. THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

**Luke 16:19-31 (NIV)** <sup>19</sup> “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. <sup>20</sup> At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores <sup>21</sup> and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup> “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> 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.’ <sup>25</sup> “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.’ <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup> “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup> “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup> “‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup> “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.’”

- A. It’s not YOLO it’s YALT
  - They both died and then went to different places
- B. Hell is a place of torment
  - Hell is translated from the Greek word “Gehenna”
  - **It was called “The valley of no more”**
- C. Lessons from the rich man:
  - The rich man was fully conscious
  - The rich man’s eternity couldn’t be changed
  - The rich man seemed to know that his punishment was just
  - The rich man begged and pleaded for someone to help his family
  - He recognized there was separation
- D. What’s heaven like?
  - It won’t be boring!
    - You will know and be known (1 Cor.13:12-13)
      - Heaven will be a place of unimaginable beauty (Revelation 21:15-21)
      - You will have new and perfect bodies (1 Corinthians 15:35-54)
      - Heaven is the presence of everything good, and the absence of evil (Isaiah 65:17-25, Revelation 21:21-27)



- Heaven is home (Phil 3:19-20)
- You will see Jesus face to face (1 John 3:2)
- **Whatever you think of heaven, it will be better!**

### III. WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ABOUT ETERNITY?

A. Would a loving God really condemn people to hell?

**Romans 5:8-9 (NIV) <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!**

**2 Peter 3:9 (NIV) The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.**

B. The main thing is to keep the main thing *the main thing*

**2 Corinthians 5:9-10 (TLB) <sup>9</sup> So our aim is to please him always in everything we do, whether we are here in this body or away from this body and with him in heaven. For we must all stand before Christ to be judged and have our lives laid bare—before him. Each of us will receive whatever he deserves for the good or bad things he has done in his earthly body.**