

“Three Things In Hell That You Should Find In Every Bible Believing Independent Baptist Church”

⇒ **Text:** **Luke 16:19-31**

⇒ **Intro:**

- o In our passage our two main characters, the rich man and the beggar, Lazarus both die.
- o One awakes to eternal comfort and the other awakes to eternal torment.
- o We want to note that this is not parable but an actual account of a man dying and going to hell.
- o It shows us that hell is real just as heaven is real.
- o However, my focus this morning is on “Some Things In Hell That You Should Find In Every Bible Believing Baptist Church”

⇒ **I. TEARS – 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. And he **cried...**”

📖 Matthew 8:12, **“But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”**

⇒ **A. In Every Endeavor The Church Undertakes It Should Be With Tears – Tears of Sacrifice, Tears of Grief, and Tears of Joy.**

- o **1) Soul Winning –**
- o Psalm 126:5-6
- o The Apostle Paul as good example –

⇒ Acts 20:19,31.

o **Illustration:**

- Uncle John Vassar, "one of the greatest soul-winners of his century." was going from door to door distributing tracts and speaking with people as opportunity came.
- An Irish woman heard of this strange man who was entering the houses of the town without introduction, and said, "If he comes to my door he shall not be kindly treated."
- The next day, with no knowledge of the threat, he rang her bell.
- When she recognized him she slammed the door in his face.

Nothing daunted, he sat upon the doorstep and sang :

- "But drops of grief can ne'er repay
- The debt of love I owe;
- Here, Lord I give myself away;
- 'Tis all that I can do."
- A few weeks later this woman was saved and as she gave account of her salvation to the church she could barely say between her sobs, "Twas those drops of grief."
- They burned themselves into my heart."

o **Illustration:**

- Jesus wept over the lost condition of Jerusalem

📖 Luke 19:41, "And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and **wept** over it,"

- Jeremiah wept over the lost condition of Israel

📖 Jeremiah 9:1, “Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!”

⇒ **B. Doing the right thing in love even in times of conflict and trouble.**

o Paul didn't write the Corinthians with the motive of causing them grief and sorrow.

- He was concerned about them, cared about them, wanted them to get right.

📖 2 Cor. 2:4, “For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many **tears**; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.

⇒ **II. PRAYER**

📖 Luke 16:27, “Then he said, I **pray**...”

o **Illustration**

- George Mueller, the prince of intercessors prayer for more than half a century for a group of five personal friends.
 - The first was saved after 5 years.
 - Two came to Christ after 10 years of prayer.
 - After 25 years the fourth man came to know the Lord.

- The fifth he prayed for up until the time of his death, and two months after he died this last one got saved.

⇒ **A. Personal Prayer offered up by each Christian in the church is vital.**

📖 Acts 2:42, “And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.”

⇒ **B. Corporate Prayer In Our Church Is Vital To Our Existence For It Brings Upon Us.**

○ **1. The Power of God**

📖 **Acts 4:31**, “And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.”


- When Peter was put in prison in Acts 12, prayer was offered up in his behalf.

📖 **Acts 12:5**, “Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.”


- As a result the angel of the Lord and releases him.
- Peter after being released finds the church praying for him

📖 **Acts 12:12**, “And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.”

○ **2. The Presence And Blessing of God**

 **Matthew 18:20, For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”**

⇒ **III. CONCERN FOR THE LOST**

 Luke 16:28, “For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.”

⇒ **Illustration:**

- Great men of faith and mission in the past had one thing in common that made them successful in God's eyes.
 - It was a heart that was broken for lost souls.
 - A heart that would pay any price to see souls saved.
- **George Whitefield**, the famous English evangelist said, "O, Lord give me souls, or take my soul!"
- **David Brainerd**, missionary to the North American Indians, said, "Lord, to Thee I dedicate myself. O accept me and let me be Thine forever. Lord, I desire nothing else, I desire nothing more."
- **John Hunt**, a missionary to the Fiji Islands, a prayer upon his dying bed: "Lord, save Fiji, save Fiji, save these people, O Lord; have mercy upon Fiji; save Fiji!"
- **Jim Elliot** wrote in his diary, "God, I pray Thee, light these idle sticks of my life, that I may burn for Thee. Consume my life, my God for it is Thine. I seek not a long life but a full one, like You Lord Jesus.""

- ⇒ The Church that does the following things will be a powerful and influential Church in the community and in the World.
- **A. Captures the reality of Hell**
 - **B. Realize that their life is not theirs to live but God's to control.**
 - **C. Places their heart within the framework of the Church that Jesus loved and died for.**

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- **I. Tears**
- **II. Prayer**
- **III. Concern for the Lost**

⇒ **Conclusion:**

- When was the last time you wept over your sinfulness,
 - Or grieved over the lost loved ones in your family?
 - Why aren't you ever in prayer meeting with the Church?
 - What is your excuse for not trying to win people to Christ?
- My friend if you are here today and cannot point to a time and place where you remember trusting Christ as Saviour and praying for God save you from your sin.
 - Then you need to be saved.
 - You need to repent of your sins, ask God to forgive for yours and pray and received Christ by faith into your heart.

- Won't come to this old fashion altar and do just that.
- o Christian, people in Hell today are crying and praying for you to go to their lost loved ones and tell them.
 - Where are your tears Christian?
 - Where are your prayers?
 - Where is your concern?
 - Today, you know the decision that God would have you to make today.
 - Maybe you have never been baptized, obey God today and be baptized.
 - Maybe you need a church home, a family of believer you can call your own, a pastor you can trust, if you are not a member of a church you don't have any of those things.
 - Maybe you need to totally surrender your life to Christ if you haven't already.
 - Whatever, your need is won't you come to this old fashion altar and have it met?