



Asbury Church

One minute after you die

**August 25, 2019
Sermon Notes
“The Reality of Hell”
2 Thessalonians 1:6-9**

I. Introduction

- A. What you believe about _____ determines how you live today.
- B. Jesus spoke and taught about _____ during his earthly ministry.
- C. Any language used to describe the afterlife seems to be _____.

II. Why Hell?

- A. Hell exists for God to deal righteously with the _____.
- B. Hell is a way to work out God’s _____.
- C. Hell is an essential part of God’s plan for us to have free _____.

III. Avoiding eternal separation from God

- A. We are saved by God’s _____ through faith in Christ.
- B. There are three Christian responses to the question “can people who never had the opportunity to know about _____ be saved?”
 - 1) Universalism.
 - 2) Exclusivism.
 - 3) Evangelical inclusivism.

Things I would like to remember about this message:

Asbury Daily Study Guide

INTRODUCTION

In our culture, many people dismiss hell as some mythological remnant from the past. But as Jesus followers we should not dismiss hell so easily. Why? Because Jesus spoke and taught about hell. So if there is a hell, what purpose would it serve?

Monday: Matthew 25:41-46

In our culture, many people dismiss the idea of hell. However, Jesus spoke of it often. If you divide the teachings of Jesus into various subjects, about 13% of Jesus' teachings and half of his parables are about hell, judgment, punishment, and the wrath of God. This is one of those passages. What are some reasons you or others struggle to believe Hell exists?

Tuesday: Colossians 1:16, Luke 10:17-18, 2 Peter 2:4

In our culture, many people dismiss the idea of the Devil or Satan. However, Jesus and Peter speak of the Devil in the New Testament. These passages tend to infer that Satan was one of God's angelic creations who rebelled. Do you believe the Devil is a real being or a symbol of evil?

Wednesday: Matthew 22:1-14

During the sermon, Pastor Eric said that "one of the reasons hell exists is because hell is an essential part of God's plan for us to have free will." This parable seems to suggest that God doesn't send people to hell, but people choose not to follow God. Do you believe that God has a purpose for Hell?

Thursday: I John 4:7-10

According to John, God is love and he demonstrated that for us by sending his Son into the world to die for our sins. Some people believe that the doctrines of God's love and hell contradict each other. During the sermon pastor Eric said "God is love, but God is also moral and just. He is the perfect judge." Do you struggle with reconciling God's love with God's justice? Could God be all loving without exercising justice?

Friday: Ephesians 2:8

We are saved by God's grace through faith in Christ. We do nothing to save ourselves; all we do is put our faith in Jesus. Those that put their faith in the saving work of Jesus will enter the Kingdom. But what about people who did not have the opportunity to know about Jesus? Do you think God's grace and saving work of Jesus will cover them as well?

MOVING FORWARD

According to scripture there are several reasons hell exists. 1) So God can deal righteously with the Devil, 2) So God can work out His justice, 3) and finally hell is an essential part of God's plan for us to have free will. God doesn't send people to hell, people choose not to follow God. In order to avoid eternal separation from God, we simply need to accept God's invitation to be forgiven through Christ. We are saved by God's grace through Jesus.

Answers to the sermon notes:

- IA) eternity, B) Hell, C) metaphorical.
- IIA) Devil, B) justice, C) will.
- IIIA) grace, B) Christ.