

SERMON NOTE: Loving The Lost Souls

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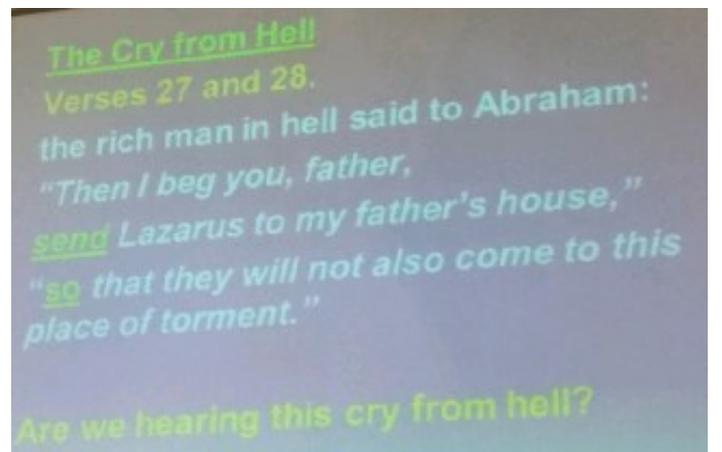
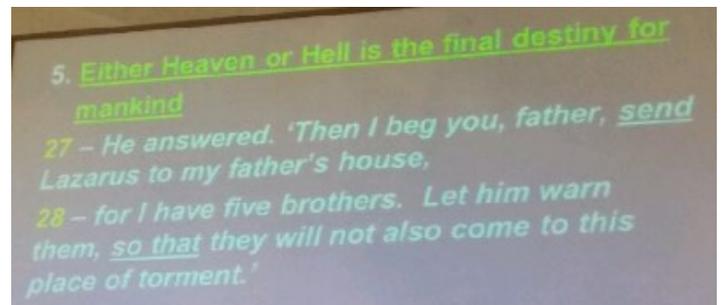
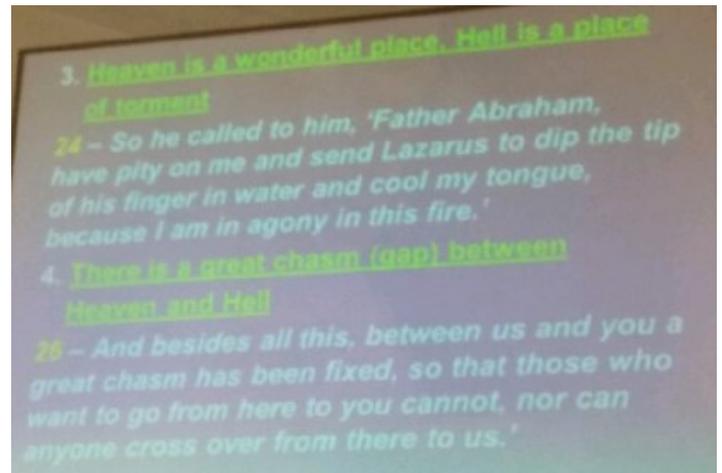
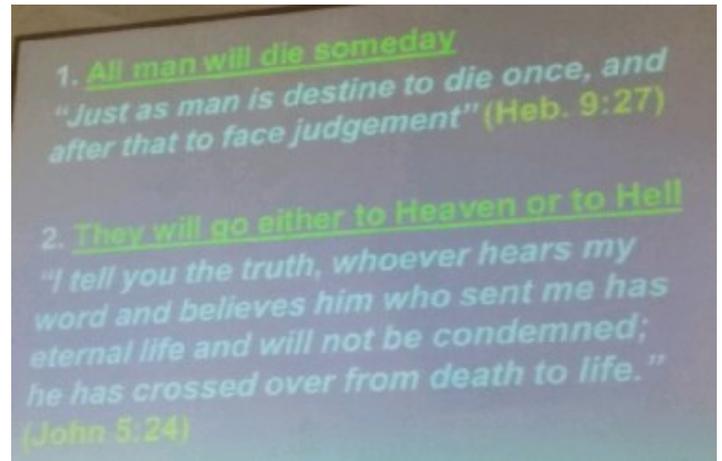


Bible Ref: Luke 16:19-31 NIV

“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 Hades, 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 set in place, 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 family, 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.’”

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1. All man will die someday, rich or poor.



The spiritual ears to hear these two words "send" "so," has to be cultivated by the word of God, by prayer, by meditation and contemplation upon spiritual things – **if not**, we will never hear this cry.

It is regulated by our love for the Lord

He who has the ears let them hear, those who has eyes let them see.

J. Oswald sanders: "Effective Evangelism"

"The great mass of Christian people appear to feel not the slightest responsibility for the eternal welfare of their fellow-man. The thought that they are their brother's keeper never seems to cross their minds. If they can ensure their own future, that is the extent of their concern."

Love for our brothers should be the motivation for us to reach out to the lost souls.

What is this cry from hell?

- Is it "Lord, be merciful unto me a sinner"?
- Is he asking for a second chance?
- Is it he's weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth?
- Is he cursing God?

How to love the lost?
John 17:26
"I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

TO LOVE THEM WITH THE LOVE OF CHRIST
Having compassion for the lost souls.

God the Father sent the Son
Jesus Christ sends the disciples
"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19)

The Holy Spirit sends Jesus
"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, . . . He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners" (Luke 4:18)

Matthew 9:35,36
"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in the synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

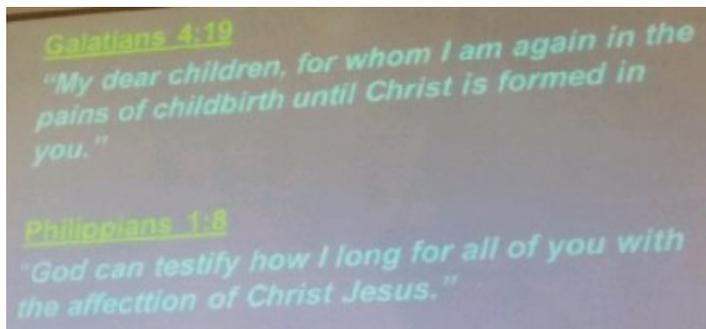
Matthew 23:37
"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing."

From the depths of hell, there are people crying out to you and me to send someone to the loved ones...

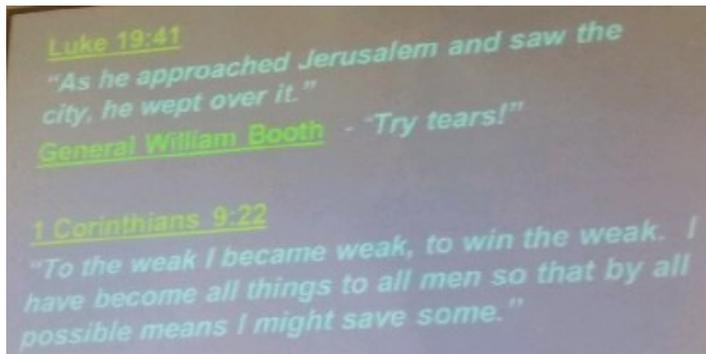
Silence is a great sin
What is as great as that kind of sin?
It is deafness
Causes to our deafness:
materialism, worldliness, selfishness, neglecting of hearing from the word of God, prayer...

Romans 9:1-3
"I speak the truth in Christ – I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit – I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race."

Martin Luther said:
"It seems incredible that a man would desire to be damned in order that the damned might be saved."



Love the unlovable, give the agape love. Love as JESUS love, see things from perspective how JESUS sees it.



Hudson Taylor during British war with China, he made became like a China man to reach out to the Chinese.

