
*God Knows Our Heart
That's Why We Need His Help
Know the real Jesus
Luke 16:14-31*

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed Him. ¹⁵And He said to them. You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God. ¹⁶The Law and the Prophet were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone forces his way into it. ¹⁷But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void. ¹⁸Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery.

Luke 16:14-18

"If a man marries a woman who becomes displeasing to him because he finds something indecent (immoral/impure) about her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce..."

Deuteronomy 24:1

A quote from the Mishnah from the Chief Rabbi Hillel: *He can write her a certificate of divorce even if she spoils his dish, even if he found someone else prettier, since it is said: (Deuteronomy 24:1) "Because he has found some indecency about her and is no longer pleasing in his eyes"*

¹⁹There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' ²⁷And he said: Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, ²⁸for I have five brothers - so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment. ²⁹But Abraham said: They have

Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them. ³⁰And he said: No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent. ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not hear

Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’
Luke 16:19-31



God’s not looking to send anyone to hell, but to stop it!

¹⁶For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For **God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world**, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in Him is not condemned but whoever does not believe is **condemned already**, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light (*Jesus*), lest his works should be exposed.” **John 3:16-20**



What does happen to the believer upon death?

¹For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling... ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be **away from the body and at home with the Lord**. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please Him.” **2 Corinthians 5:1-2; 5-9**



What does the believer do in the meantime?

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and **entrusting to us the message of reconciliation**. ²⁰Therefore, **we are ambassadors for Christ**, God making his appeal through us. **We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God**. ²¹For our sake He made Him (*Jesus*) to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**