

## A MISSION MINDED MAN IN HELL

**ERROR # 7** THAT UNBELIEVERS WOULD BELIEVE IF THEY SAW SIGNS & WONDERS.

Jesus clearly stated that if they would not believe the Bible then they would not believe even though one rose from the dead. He rose from the dead and still multitudes do not believe.

**Luke 16:30-31** And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. 31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army and a man who dedicated his life to lifting the poor out of sin and poverty, reportedly made this statement:

"Most Christian organizations would like to send their workers to Bible college for five years. I would like to send our workers to hell for five minutes. That would prepare them for a lifetime of compassionate ministry."

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**Luke 16:19-31** (A true story about real people.) 19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: 20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, 21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. 25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. 26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. 27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: 28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. 29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. 30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. 31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

**Text: Verses. 27,28 "I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house for I have five brethren: that he may testify unto them, lest they come to this place of torment."**

**Introduction: This poor rich man developed a burden for his brothers and wanted them to be saved and avoid the awful flames of hell, but he waited too late. It is important that we are biblically correct about life after death as we carry out the great commission.**

Seven errors are refuted in this story.

**ERROR #1 THAT WE CAN KNOW NOTHING CERTAIN ABOUT LIFE AFTER DEATH.**

**The Lord tell us about life, death, Heaven, & Hell and promises to take us to a place prepared for us. John. 14:1-3 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.**

**ERROR #2 THAT DEATH ENDS ALL.**

**Indians believed in a "happy hunting ground", and Ancient Egyptians put grain, clothing, and money in tombs for later.**

**Heb. 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:**  
**This tells us that after death comes judgment.**

**ERROR # 3 THAT WHEN WE DIE WE SIMPLY GO TO SLEEP.**

**This man "felt, cried, pleaded, heard, and remembered. He was very much awake.**

**ERROR # 4 THAT THERE IS NO PLACE SUCH AS HELL.**

**Jesus talked 10 times more about hell than about heaven. He spoke of hell as a place of torments, pain, & memory.**

**ERROR # 5 THAT THERE IS A SECOND CHANCE OF BEING SAVED AFTER DEATH.**

**The great gulf prevented any possibility of salvation for someone already in hell. Paul said "today is the day of salvation."**

**ERROR # 6 THAT THERE IS NO RECOGNITION BEYOND THE GRAVE.**

**The rich man recognized both Abraham and Lazarus. Peter, James, and John recognized Moses & Elijah Matt. 17:1-4 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, 2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. 3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.**