

Luke 16:26

'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, in order that those who wish to come over from here to you may not be able, and *that* none may cross over from there to us.'

For all of mankind who never surrender to Jesus Christ, hell will be their final address for all of eternity. Many believe that it will be a time to party with friends, and to do whatever they want, no holds barred. But is that the truth, or is it another deceptive lie from the pit of hell? Friends, hell is worse than any nightmare you've ever had times one million, for ever and ever. From the instance you step from this time in space, and enter eternity in hell; the only thought that will be on your mind will be getting out; except that there is no getting out of hell. No amount of penance or time will be accepted for your release. There will be no good behavior, no early outs. Your opportunity to be saved from eternal torment is only made available to you in this life! This picture which our Savior described to the rich man in hell is no fairy tale, neither is it an old sea story. It is simply the hard cold facts, of what the masses can expect should they continue to harden their hearts to the Living God. Even if a friend or loved one wanted to provide any type of relief, none can be offered or given. When children play games, you will often hear one call for "time out", should they need to rest or run into the house for a moment; but "time out" will not be honored in hell. Men and women have been deceived into believing that rather than humbling themselves and giving their lives to Jesus Christ; that they can continue doing whatever their senses demand without eternal consequences. Some believe that hell can't be all that bad, because so many others are going to be there as well. Hell is the most deadly place ever created, and the pain and suffering there is beyond human comprehension.

So why aren't more people doing whatever they can to stay out? For many people, eternity is the farthest thing from their mind. They are more concerned with the temporal things of this life, and for others they are simply in a survival mode, trying to make it one day at a time. So has the church failed in letting all of these people know what will face them should they not make Jesus their Lord? I believe in many cases that we have. One of the major problems is that we have not shared the full price of following Jesus Christ. Many people have been told that salvation is free and easy. Is it really? Absolutely not! Our salvation cost our Lord everything, look with me at what Jesus has to say about the price in **Mark 8:34-38, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ³⁵ "For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's shall save it. ³⁶ "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ "For what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? ³⁸ "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."** Where you spend eternity, is by far the single greatest decision that you will ever make on this planet. Should you go to hell, you will never again be concerned with your money, the stock market, your favorite sports team, or any other of the many things that consume the minds and lives of people today. All that will consume your thoughts is the knowledge that you never made Jesus Christ Lord, while you had the chance. Friend, please make that decision today!!