HEAVEN'S REAL, SO'S HELL
JOHN 3:16-17 / 2-9-20 / AM

I. EVIDENCE FOR HEAVEN.

A. First, Jesus believed in a heaven.
   1. We have already addressed whether Jesus is God’s Son.
   2. This same Jesus expressed his belief in heaven—John 3:13, John 14:1-3.

B. Second, the Bible teaches about a place called heaven.
   1. We have already addressed the reliability of the Bible as God’s Word.
   2. This same Word of God supports the existence of a place called heaven—Job 19:25-27, 1 Peter 1:12.

C. Third, without the reality of a place called heaven this world would be a miserable place to live in.
   1. God’s goodness is assured because there is a place called heaven—Ps. 27:13.
   2. Also, we are assured we will see our dead loved ones in heaven—2 Sam. 12:23.

D. Fourth, great Christians in the past had confidence that heaven was real.

II. EVIDENCE FOR HELL.

A. Hell is a difficult subject to talk about.
   1. For one thing, critics say the prospect of someone spending an eternity in a place called hell seems unfair.
   2. In addition, people’s estimation of their own goodness is so high that it almost makes hell unnecessary because apparently no one believes they will go there.
   3. Still critics say the subject of hell seems harsh.
   4. Others declare they can’t believe that a loving God would send anyone to hell.

B. C.S. Lewis quote lays out three lines of evidence in support of a place called hell.
   2. Two, Lewis says the Bible confirms the reality of a place called hell—Matt. 7:13 and Matt. 16:26.
3. Three, Lewis says that human reason requires that there must be a hell.

C. Without hell there would have been no reason for Jesus Christ to have died on the cross.
   1. It was God’s love that put Jesus on the cross—John 3:16.
   2. It was also because hell is real that Jesus was put on the cross—John 3:17.