

WHEN HELL FREEZES OVER
LUKE 16:19-31 / APRIL 30, 2017 AM

I. IS HELL A REAL PLACE?

- A. Do you believe heaven is a real place
- B. Some say the Biblical description of hell is symbolic, not real.
- C. What does the Bible say about the reality of hell?
 - 1. The Bible isn't bashful about the subject of hell--Rev. 20:15.
 - 2. The word "hell" appears 23 times in the N.T.
 - 3. What's more, Jesus talked about hell more than heaven.

II. IS HELL REALLY A PLACE OF PUNISHMENT?

- A. Only two different Greek words are used in the N.T.
 - 1. One word is "**Gehenah**" and it's used 13 times and means "valley of suffering".
 - 2. The second Greek word for hell is "**hades**" and it's used 10 times and refers to the place of the dead or the grave".
- B. The point is that both these words refer to places of punishment.
 - 1. It's a place of physical suffering--Luke 16:22-23.
 - 2. It's also a place of emotional suffering--16:27-28.
 - 3. Furthermore, hell is a place of spiritual suffering--2 Thess. 1:9.

III. IS HELL AN ETERNAL PLACE?

- A. Some people believe when you die you simply cease to exist. This is called "annihilation".
- B. The Bible refutes this concept, though--20:10.
- C. Jesus also refutes it--Matt. 25:46 and Mark 9:47-48.

IV. DOES GOD SEND ANYONE TO HELL?

- A. The biggest objection against hell is the idea that a God of love would never send anyone to hell.
- B. Hell isn't just a consequence of one's rejection of Christ as Savior. It's also a choice.