

“Who’s Counting On You?”

Part 6 “What’s at Stake”

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VIDEO – “Kenneth E Hagin Testimony”

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“Come *follow me* and *I will transform you into men who catch people instead of fish!* Mark 1:17

“Catching People” – “Who’s Counting On You?” GOD! IS

Why? Why is your life so important, what makes so valuable. You are God’s resource, His asset. He is counting on you to reach others. Ever wonder why after you were born again- you were not immediately taken to heaven?

Eternity- what does it mean?

If death is the transition in to eternity-

Death is certain- **Hebrews 9:27** appt man once to die!

What could be more important?

What could possibly be more important!

Than a person’s eternity?

Romans 11:22 *Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.*

The Rich Man and Lazarus

Luke 16:19-31 (TPT) ¹⁹ **Jesus continued.** *“There once was a very rich man who had the finest things imaginable, living every day enjoying his life of opulent luxury.*

*20–21 Outside the gate of his mansion was a poor **beggar** named Lazarus. He lay there every day, covered with boils, and all the neighborhood **dogs** would come and lick his open sores. The only food he had to eat was the garbage that the rich man threw away. ²² “One day poor Lazarus died, and the angels of God came and escorted his spirit into paradise.*

***KJV** 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 “The day came that the rich man also died. **In hell he looked up from his torment and saw Abraham in the distance, and Lazarus the beggar was standing beside him in the glory.***

**“Looked up: - he could see! - maybe for the 1st time!
Recognize – Abraham- Lazarus**

*²⁴ So the rich man **shouted**, ‘Father Abraham! Father Abraham! Have **mercy** on me. Send Lazarus to dip his finger in water and come to cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames of **fire!**’ ²⁵ “But Abraham responded, ‘My friend, don’t you **remember?** While you were alive, you had all you desired, surrounded in luxury, while Lazarus had nothing. Now Lazarus is in the comforts of paradise and you are in agony. ²⁶ **Besides, between us is a huge chasm that cannot be bridged, keeping anyone from crossing from one realm to the other, even if he wanted to.**’ ²⁷ “So the rich man said, ‘Then let me ask you, Father Abraham, to please send Lazarus to my relatives. ²⁸ **Tell him to witness to my five brothers and warn them not to end up where I am in this place of torment.**’ ²⁹ “Abraham replied, ‘They’ve already had enough warning.*

*They have the teachings of Moses and the prophets, and they must obey them.’³⁰ “**But what if they’re not listening?**”
the rich man added.*

*‘**If someone from the dead were to go and warn them, they would surely repent.**’³¹ “Abraham said to him, ‘If they won’t listen to Moses and the prophets, neither would they believe even if someone was raised from the dead!’”*

VS 23 ***In hell he looked up from his torment and saw Abraham in the distance, and Lazarus the beggar was standing beside him in the glory.***

“There is one very serious defect to my mind in Christ’s moral character, and that is that He believed in hell.”

The agnostic British philosopher **Bertrand Russell** in 1967.

The idea of eternal punishment for sin, is *“a doctrine that put cruelty in the world and gave the world generations of cruel torture.”*

A religious philosopher **John Hick**, refers to hell as a *“grim fantasy” that is not only “morally revolting” but also “a serious perversion of the Christian Gospel.”*

Theologian Clark Pinnock who, regarded himself as an evangelical, dismissed hell with a rhetorical question: *“How can one imagine for a moment that the God who gave His Son to die for sinners because of His great love for them would install a torture chamber somewhere in the new creation in order to subject those who reject Him to everlasting pain?”*

Latin Vulgate – translated in 400 AD - **Hell 110** (86 OT)
1611 – **KJV** **54 times**

Holeman Christian standard 2004 12 times!!!!!!

Christ - 9 to 1 Ratio Hell vs Heaven!!!!!!

Not One “Single” Word!

Right there are actually several words here are the 4 MP

Def: HELL -

Sheol - the grave, the pit

Hades, - the grave the pit – “the underworld” – departed spirits

Tartarus {2 Peter 2:4} - the physical and spiritual prison of darkness for Satan and his fallen angels.

Gehenna - *Gehenna* takes its name from a valley located in Jerusalem called the Valley of Hinnom. During Jesus’s time on earth, this valley was used as the city dump. A fire was constantly kept alight there to burn up and consume all of the city’s unwanted rubbish.

Ezekiel 33:8-11 ⁸ *When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.* ⁹ *Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.* ¹⁰ *Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live?* ¹¹ *Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, **I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?***

MSG *But if you warn the wicked to change their ways and they don’t do it, they’ll die in their sins well-warned and at least you will have saved your own life.*

¹⁰ “Son of man, speak to Israel. Tell them, ‘You’ve said, “Our rebellions and sins are weighing us down. We’re wasting away. How can we go on living?”’” ¹¹ “Tell them, ‘As sure as I am the living God, I take no pleasure from the death of the wicked. I want the wicked to change their ways and live. Turn your life around! Reverse your evil ways! Why die, Israel?’

2 Peter 3:9 (KJV) ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

John 3: 16-21 ¹⁵ That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. ¹⁸ He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Why are people “condemned”? Did He say its because they have sin? - NO he said because they hath not believe in the name of the only begotten son of God!

¹⁹ And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. ²¹ But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

Jude 1: ²² And of some have compassion, making a difference:
²³ And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire;
hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

Revelation 20:10-15 ¹⁰ And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. ¹¹ And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. ¹⁴ **And death and *hell {Hades} were cast into the lake of fire.** This is the second death. ¹⁵ And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Hades- the extreme penal torments which the wicked are to undergo after their life on earth

Matthew 25:41 ⁴¹ Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

46 **And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.**

Isaiah 5:14 (KJV) Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

Hell was not created for humanity, Man was created for God
But Hell is the destination for those who reject God's salvation in
Jesus Christ.

How can hell be reconciled with a God of love.

Why? they ask, would a God of love allow people to go to hell?

God is a God of holiness and justice as well as a God of

love. These moral attributes are complementary, not
contradictory. When the laws of God are disobeyed there must
be a judgment.

God's laws demand that sin must be paid for.

God can still love someone but He cannot allow sin to go
unpunished. This is the reason that Jesus Christ came to earth,
to die for the sins of the world.

- 1) Hell is eternal separation from God
- 2) Hell was made for Satan – not man
- 3) Hell is a place of eternal punishment
- 4) Hell is Forever! – “Eternal”

Hell is real!

Believing the truth about hell should motivate us to reach every
single person around us to be reconciled to God.

By God's grace we share God love and forgiveness

**How can we love people and refuse to speak plainly to them
about the realities of eternal damnation and God's gracious
provision of salvation?**

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 (KJV) ¹⁶ For the Lord himself shall
descend from heaven **with a shout**, with the voice of the
archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ
shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Rev 1:18 *I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*

Pray for the Heathen: **Psalms 2:8** *Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.*

“Who’s Counting on you?”

To reach people we have never reached, we must do what we have never done!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NDP Set up Training

Candy Egg Stuffing Party

D2D last chance Next Saturday 10:00am-12:00

Baby Dedication

Water Baptism

NEXT SUNDAY – EASTER !!!!