

The End of Us (2)

As we study "The end of us," we come to the cold reality that we will die (Heb 9:27). Many do not like to talk about this. Ignorance or denial will not keep death at bay. For a believer, death is not the worst thing that can happen. In fact, death is seen as being with the Lord (Jn 14:2-3).

Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹ "Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, joyously living in splendor every day. ²⁰ And a poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores, ²¹ and longing to be fed with the *crumbs* which were falling from the rich man's table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores. ²² Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁴ And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and *that* none may cross over from there to us.' ²⁷ And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father's house—²⁸ for I have five brothers—in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' ²⁹ But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰ But he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!' ³¹ But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.'"

1. Biblically, death is the _____ of the body and spirit (Jas 2:26; Ecc 12:7)

The Realities of Death

- Unless the Lord comes while we are alive (1 Cor 15:51) we will all die
- Death does not care who you are or how old you are or how important you are
- Death makes us all _____
- Death solidifies the _____ we made in life

What We Learn from Luke 16:

1. What do we know about Lazarus?
2. What do we know about the rich man?
3. What do we know about hades?

HADES

The word mean: "the unseen"

The NAS uses this word 10x (The KJV uses "hell" instead)

Other expression: Paradise (Lk 23:43); Abraham's Bosom (Lk 16:22)

Jesus went to Hades at death (Acs 2:31)

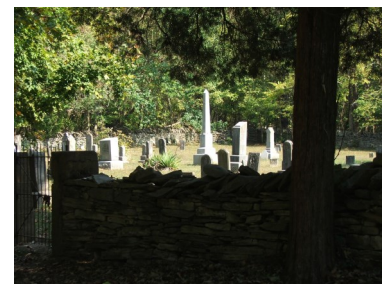
Rev 20:14 Hades is thrown into the lake of fire

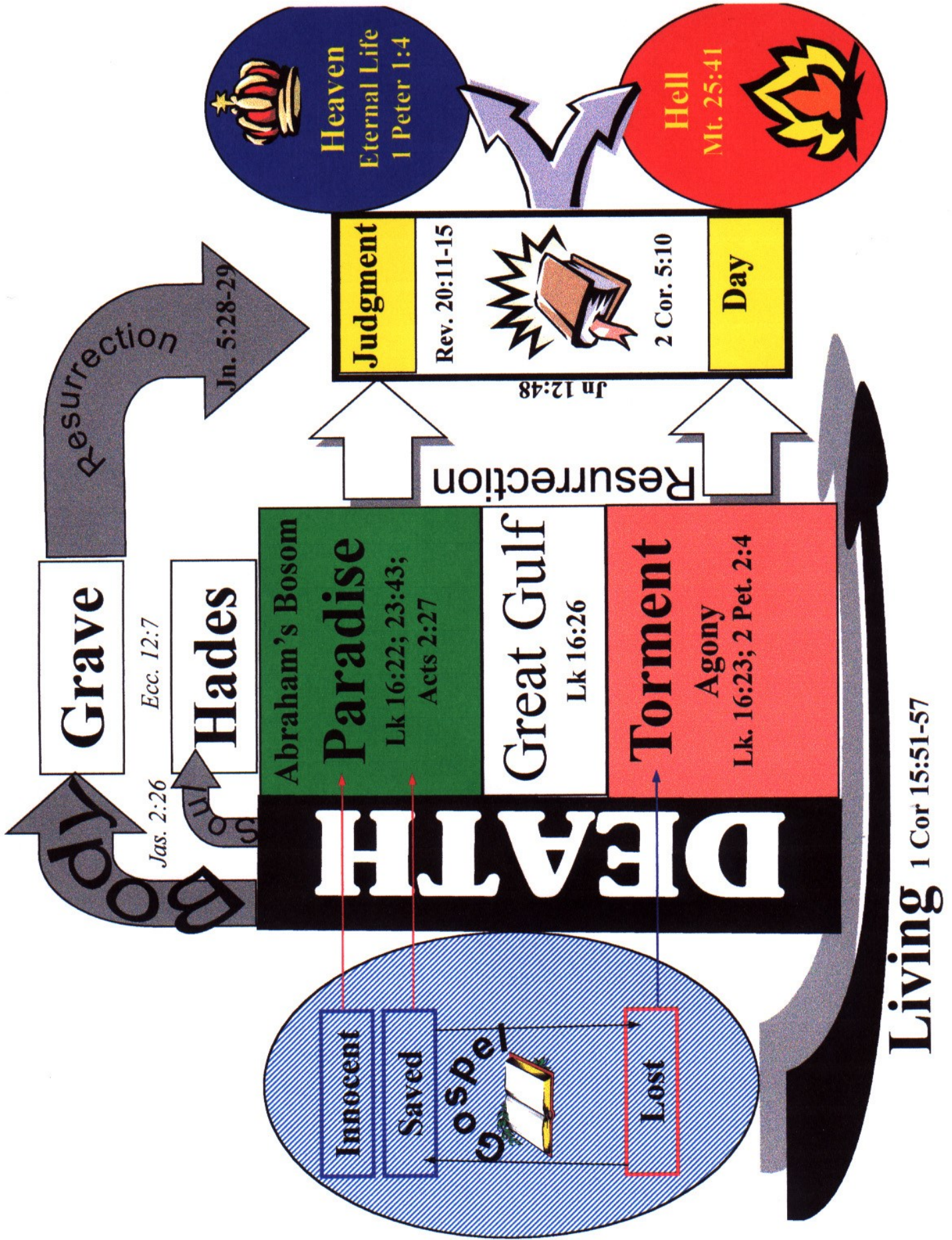
- The dead remain in Hades until the coming of the Lord (1 Thes 4:14)
- Freewill no longer _____
- The suffering after death is _____ than in life

Who is in hades now?

How is hades different from the Catholic concept of purgatory?

Why is the day of one's death better than the day of one's birth (Ecc 7:1)?





Living 1 Cor 15:51-57