



*Sermon*   
SNAPSHOTS

# HADES

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What happens to our spirits at death? Do they go to Heaven, Hell, Purgatory, or is there yet another explanation? The Scriptures teach that there is an "intermediate state" of souls between our physical death and the resurrection. Luke 16:19-31 and others passages, will help to shed some light on this matter. So, open your Bibles and study with me about the Scriptural concept of "Hades" – "the intermediate state"

## DEATH DEFINED

- The word "death" basically means a "separation... it never denotes nonexistence" (Vine)
- (Ex): separation from God (Ep.2:1; Is.59:2); from sin (Rm.6:2); from OT law (Rm.7:4,6)
- Similarly, physical death is the separation of "body" and the "soul" or "spirit" (Jm.2:26)
- At death, the body goes to corruption in the grave; and the soul to "Hades" (Ac.2:26-27)

## HADES DEFINED

- It is NOT Hell ("Gehenna" cf. Mk.9:43-f); but equal to OT "Sheol" (Ac.2:27; Ps.16:10)
- Some scholars say that it means "all receiving," but most say it means "unseen"
- I believe that it refers to an "unseen" CONDITION rather than an "unseen" PLACE!
- The body is "unseen" in the grave & the soul (immaterial part) is also "unseen"

## HADES DESCRIBED

- The righteous are in a PLACE which is "with the Lord" (Ec.12:7; 2Cor.5:8; Ph.1:23)
- Hence, their CONDITION in Hades is "comforted" (Ac.2:27; cp. Lk.23:43; Lk.16:22-25)
- They are separated from the wicked by "a great gulf (chasm)," which is "fixed" (Lk.16:26)
- For the wicked, Hades is a "tormented" CONDITION; the PLACE is "in this flame" (Lk.16:22-24)

## HADES DESTROYED

- At the end, both Death and Hades will give up their dead (cf. Rv.20:11-15)
- Then, Hades will be "destroyed," for this "unseen realm" is no longer needed!
- Why? When resurrected, our bodies and souls are reunited! (cf. Ps.16:10)
- Then, the dead will be sent to their ETERNAL destinies (Mt.10:28; 25:46)

**Bottom line: "Hades" is the "unseen condition" of departed spirits – the intermediate state of the dead, who are "reserved" for final judgment (2Pt.2:9). It can roughly be compared to "waiting" (condition) in a waiting room (place) to see your doctor, who gives his "final judgment" of your condition, followed by appropriate treatment. *But most the important thing is to be ready for this final judgment!* Are you ready?**



# Your Earth Life

James 2:26  
Ecc. 12:7

## Death

# Hades/Sheol

## Second Coming

The End

The Second Coming of Christ:  
Heb. 9:28; 1 Thes. 4:13-18;  
2 Thes. 1:7-9  
Resurrection of All Dead: 1 Cor. 15:  
End of the World and Works: 2 Pet. 3:  
The Righteous Judgment of All

### PARADISE

#### Faithful Till Death

Good Seed, Good Soil: Mt 13

#### Church of Christ Kingdom of Christ

2 Corinthians 5:17

#### Solution

Baptism  
Confession  
Repentance

#### Your Free Gift

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Hear  
Faith

Col 1:13

## LOST SINNER

List  
Sin  
Death

James 1:13-16

#### All Non-Christians: 2 Thes 1:8-9

Bad Seed, Poorment

### UNRIGHTEOUS WHO FELL AWAY

Bad Seed, Rocky & Weedy Soil

### ABRAHAM'S BOSOM

Luke 16:22-23  
Acts 2:22-36 (Esp. 27, 31)  
Luke 23:43  
Matthew 16:18

Infants, Mat. 19:14; Children, Mark 10:14

#### Infants: Mt 18:3

## GREAT GULF

No Crossing  
Luke 16:26

Luke 16:23, 28  
Jude 6  
2 Peter 2:4, 9

### TORMENT, ANGUISH, FLAME TARTARUS

## GRAVE

### HEAVEN

## Eternal Life

Day Rev. 21:25  
1 Peter 1:4



#### "Enter"

Heb. 9:27  
Mat. 7:21-23  
Mat. 25:31-46  
Luke 20:34-35  
Acts 17:30-31

#### Resurrection of Saved

Dan. 12:2  
John 5:28-29  
Acts 24:15

#### Judgement

Rev. 20:11-15  
2 Cor. 5:10  
Rom. 14:10-12  
Jude 14-15

The Two Groups Stay This Way Forever, Rev. 22:11

### HELL

The Second Death; the Wicked are Separated From the Lord Forever.

#### Gehenna

Mat. 10:28; Mark 9:43-48;  
Rev. 14:11; 19:20; 20:10.

### HELL



#### Eternal Death

LOST

#### Resurrection of Lost

1 Cor. 15:55  
Phillip. 3:20-21  
1 John 3:2

Note: All Knee's Bow to God At Judgment; Romans 14:10-11. For He Alone Holds the Keys to Death and Hades, ref. Rev. 1:18.

## Paradise (Abrahams Bosom)

It is NOT Heaven! (Jn.3:13; 20:17; Ac.2:31-34)

Examples: Jesus, thief, Lazarus, Abraham (righteous)

## Tartarus (Place of Torment)

It is NOT Hell! (2Pt.2:9; cf. Rv.20:11-15)

Examples: Rich man, sinful angels, the unjust

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