

SERMON OUTLINE

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Sunday Morning 1/18/09

After I Die

- I. **Perspective on Life**
 - A. The book of Ecclesiastes gives perspective
 - B. Jesus' emphasis in **Luke 16** is perspective
 - C. Without perspective - you only see one side, distorted view
- II. **A Perspective on the Inevitable (Death)**
 - A. See Life from God's Perspective (Luke 16:14-15)
 1. The story of the rich man and Lazarus stands the world's values on its head (**Luke 16:19-23**)
 2. We will die.
 - B. We Exist Eternally (Luke 16:22-23)
 1. Both are aware of what is going on (good and bad).
 2. **Matthew 25:46** - eternal punishment = eternal life
 3. **Matthew 10:28** - If we ceased to exist then why fear God?
 4. There is NO escape from judgment - I'll live on - **Heb 9:27**
 - C. There Is No Second Chance (Luke 16:23-26)
 1. The rich man's request is simple - "Give me relief!" - The answer is simple - "It can't be done!" - There is NO hope!!!
 2. NO - baptism, NO - prayer to take from one side to other.
 3. Hope keeps you going - **Romans 8:24-25**
 4. God gives us hope NOW (**Acts 17:27**) not when it's over
 - D. Our Influence Is Fixed (Luke 16:27-31)
 1. Regretted not teaching what was important (**Matthew 5:14**).
 2. Two types of regrets in hell - (1) for self (2) for those we love
 3. Out of place? **1 Cor 15:31-34** - change your life, stop sinning - Look at INFLUENCE - on you and you on others
 - E. We Have NO Excuse (Luke 16:29-31)
 1. "How can God do this?" - The choice is OURS - **Rom 8:31-32**
 2. **Romans 1:19-20** - evident, without excuse
- III. **Eternity's Impact on Today**
 - A. Get My Life Right with God - NOW! - There is absolutely NO guarantee of tomorrow!!! (**James 4:14** - vapor)
 - B. Live Life for What God Meant It to Be - God has a role for me in His kingdom - fulfill it! AFFECT the souls of others before it is too late! (**Matthew 5:16** - Be the light)
 - C. Thank God Every Day - for His love and grace (**1 Thess 5:18**)