



“Jesus stands in the Gap”

Because of His profound love for humanity, Jesus taught about Hell

In the enormous landscape of Jesus' teachings, one might be surprised to discover just how much He spoke about Hell. This emphasis on the reality of Hell is not a mere coincidence but a deliberate choice by the Savior to share a crucial message to humanity.

Jesus, in His earthly ministry, sought to illuminate the path of righteousness and warn against the perils of spiritual neglect. While Heaven represents the ultimate destination for believers, Hell serves as a stark reminder of the consequences of rejecting God's love and salvation. The Lord's frequent references to Hell underscore His deep concern for the eternal destiny of every soul.

One reason Jesus spoke extensively about Hell is to highlight the gravity of sin and its consequences. Sin is not a trivial matter but a rebellion against the holy and righteous nature of God. In addressing the reality of Hell, Jesus aims to awaken a sense of urgency within each individual to repent and turn away from a life of disobedience. The severity of Hell serves as a powerful deterrent, urging people to consider the eternal ramifications of their choices.

Moreover, Jesus' emphasis on Hell stems from **His profound love for humanity**. It is not His desire to condemn but a plea for repentance and reconciliation. In warning about Hell, Jesus is extending a lifeline to those who are walking on a perilous path. His words echo the compassionate heart of a Savior who desires that none should perish but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). The vivid imagery of Hell serves as a wake-up call, inviting individuals to embrace the life-transforming power of God's grace.

Jesus' teachings on Hell also reveal His commitment to truth and honesty. The Savior did not shy away from addressing uncomfortable topics or watering down the reality of sin and its consequences. In a world that often seeks comfort over confrontation, Jesus' candid discussions about Hell challenge the listener to confront the uncomfortable truths of life. This honesty serves as a foundation for genuine repentance and a sincere turning towards God.

Furthermore, Jesus spoke extensively about Hell to emphasize the importance of personal responsibility. Each individual has the freedom to choose between following Christ and rejecting Him. The reality of Hell reinforces the idea that our choices have eternal implications. By highlighting this, Jesus empowers individuals to make informed decisions about their faith and relationship with God.

Brothers and Sisters, the emphasis Jesus placed on Hell in His teachings is not a manifestation of cruelty but an expression of **profound love, truth, and accountability**. The Savior's words on Hell serve as a divine invitation to turn away from sin, embrace God's grace, and secure an eternal destiny with Him in Heaven. May we heed the warnings of our compassionate Savior and like Him, share with others the Word regarding the perils of Hell.

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Weekly Prayer Points

Matthew 19:13-15

Dear Jesus; we come before you today to pray for your children. You gave special attention to the young children when you were traveling in the region of “Judea beyond the Jordan” and explained that even the young children should be shown the ways of Jesus. May we as your followers bring our children up in the light of your words so that they may know and follow all that you taught while here on earth.

Please pray for these congregations and pastors:

- White Pine Congregation in Old Fields, WV, with Pastor Donald Judy.
- Castaner Congregation in Castaner, Puerto Rico with Pastor Jaime Diaz.

CBC Prayer Committee