



2 Thessalonians 1:6-12  
The Vengeance of the Lord—Part 3  
From Sermon 5.15.22

Read *2 Thessalonians 1:6-10*

Review from Sunday's sermon: We continue thru these powerful verses of truth—now focusing on the world, the culture, the lost. Just as you cannot separate or compartmentalize the Trinity, you also cannot divide Jesus. He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. As He is fully God and fully man, He is also fully grace and fully wrath. Only a minority will live in His grace. Most will face His righteous wrath.

1. What was pointed out as one of the greatest pieces of evidence of man's sin nature and total depravity? Everyone dies physically. See also *Genesis 3:17-19 & 1 Corinthians 15:22*

1a. However, what also awaits those who do not accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior? After physical death, they are removed from God's grace and presence resulting in torment, anguish, isolation, and hopelessness. See also *Revelation 20:14 & 21:8*

2. What are some common misconceptions about hell that you know of/have heard? Various answers. It's not so bad. It's a place of party and indulgence. It's a myth and doesn't exist. People just cease to exist. Hades is really purgatory—you'll get out once your price is paid. Only the worst of the worst go there.

3. Note: Christ's Atonement price could not be paid by mere, quick execution. It was a process of wrath and death to pay sin's price for the elect and satisfy the requirement of God. What words and terms have we covered that describe those events? Anguish, alone, conscious foreknowledge, scorn, punishment, scourging, shame, surrounded by enemies, death process, darkness, separation, unquenchable thirst.

3a. What, then, do we see as the experience that awaits those who will pay their own sin price? The very same components. Read *Luke 16:19-26*. Discuss similarities in the price the rich man was paying and those we see in Christ's propitiation. Various thoughts and insights.

4. What was the one chilling, terrifying difference between the two? Christ knew the hope of conclusion. Once He paid the awful price, He was glorified and resurrected. The lost have no such hope. They will never pay off their sin debt, partly because they will never stop sinning and hating God.

5. What is Hades and how does it differ from the final Lake of Fire? Hades is the temporary holding places of the unredeemed. Although awful, it is only a preview of the future. The devil is not in Hades. Only a select group of the worst demons are there. The Lake of Fire is the final, eternal hell for the devil, his angels, the Beast, the False Prophet, and the unsaved.

6. What is the Great White Throne Judgment? The final, global trial of the lost, before Christ, where all their deeds are exposed, and their eternal sentence is pronounced and executed.

7. As we study this dark yet quickly approaching event, what two things—pointed out on Sunday—should stand out to us, as the elect? 1—the immeasurable price that was paid, by Christ, on my behalf. The wrath I've been saved from. What it cost Jesus. 2—a renewed passion to reach the lost thru evangelism.  
See also *Jude 20-23*