

HADES IS NOT HELL

Acts 2:29-32

INTRO:

- A. There is a lot of confusion about death and Hades, and hell.
- B. But God has shown some things clearly.

I. JESUS AND HADES

- A. Spoken in prophecy. Acts 2:22-28 (Psalm 16)
 - 1. Into God's hands. Luke 23:46; Eccl. 12:7
 - 2. David both dead & buried. Acts 2:29
- B. Jesus was raised. Acts 2:30-32
- C. Jesus in paradise. Luke 23:39-43
 - 1. Power to forgive sins. Luke 5:24
- D. The gates of Hades. Matthew 16:18

II. HADES IS MORE THAN PARADISE

- A. The rich man & Lazarus. Luke 16:19-22
- B. Both comfort & torment. Luke 16:23-25
- C. A great gulf between. Luke 16:26
- D. Trust the scriptures to prepare. Luke 16:27-31

III. HADES IS NOT HELL

- A. Jesus has the keys to Hades. Revelation 1:17-18
- B. Hades emptied. Revelation 20:12-15
- C. Hell us utter loss. Matthew 10:28
 - 1. Everlasting fire. Matthew 18:8-9; 25:41,46
 - 2. Unquenchable fire. Mark 9:43-48
- D. It's time to prepare for judgment. Romans 13:11-14

CONCLUSION:

- A. Hades is the place of all the dead, some in comfort and some in torment.
- B. Hades is temporary until Jesus returns, but hell will be permanent.
- C. So while we have time we must learn to live for Christ and keep going till the end.
- D. Are you ready to face death and judgment?