

BEYOND SUNDAY



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This guide offers a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

MESSAGE THEME

What About Hell?

PRAYER FOCUS

Father, I could never thank You enough for sending Your only Son to die for my sins. I deserved death, but Your gracious love freed me. I'm forever grateful for Your mercy and grace. I'm sorry for sinning against You and ask for Your forgiveness. Thank You for being a perfect Father. Amen.

KEY TRUTHS

We can learn much about Heaven and Hell through the New Testament. Every person will spend eternity somewhere, and we don't get to decide where we're going after we die; by then, our fate is sealed. We must make the right decision *now*. Our Heavenly Father is a God of absolute truths, not suggestions. His Word is clear that we only have one life and won't get to return to try to fix our mistakes.

But wait, there's good news! According to Jesus, death isn't the end. We're three-part beings—a *spirit* with a *soul* in a *body*. While our bodies will eventually die, our souls will live on forever. The Gospel brings the good news that nobody needs to go to Hell, as God has provided a way out. The wages of sin is death, but Jesus

came and paid the price for us so that we may walk free. We cannot earn salvation through good works; it's a gift freely given. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and we must go through Him to reach the Father.

Thirty years after Jesus' resurrection, people were already wandering away from the truth. So much so that in Jude 1:3, Christians were told to "contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people." There's a natural tendency to drift away from truth, but we need to fight the good fight and pursue what's right. It's important to remember that it's not moral people who go to Heaven but those who have been *forgiven*. Similarly, it's not immoral people who go to Hell, but those who remain *unforgiven*.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

We can only receive what God did for us through Christ while we're alive. Jesus came in a flesh and blood body to pay for our sins, and we can only receive salvation while we're in a flesh and blood body. Once we pass away, we can't negotiate with God or change our eternal destination.

It's insufficient to know of God or believe He exists. We have to understand that Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose from the grave. He defeated the enemy and is coming again. Do you believe God sent Jesus for you?

REFERENCE VERSES

- Hebrews 6:1-2, 9:27, 2:12-16, 10:11
- Luke 16:19-23
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23, 1:10
- Jude 1:3
- Revelation 20:11-15
- Matthew 25:41 & 46, 10:28,
- John 3:16, 14:6, 1:12
- Ecclesiastes 11:3
- Psalm 49:6-9
- Romans 3:20
- 2 Samuel 14:14
- Acts 4:12
- Mark 9:43-48, 8:36-38

DECLARATIONS

My old self was crucified with Him so that I no longer have to be a slave of sin. (Romans 6:6)

I'm a child of God because I believe in His name. (John 1:12)

I know God is kind and forgiving. He abounds in love. (Psalm 86:5)

When I approach God and ask for forgiveness, I'm confident He'll forgive me and throw my sins as far as the East is from the West.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Now it's time to write down anything the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, thank Him, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.



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