

# How could a loving God send anyone to hell?

Luke 16:19-31

*Christ's teaching on hell is "the one profound defect in Christ's character." -Bertrand Russell*

*"There is no doctrine which I would more willingly remove from Christianity than this, if it lay in my power." -C.S. Lewis*

1. Hell begins \_\_\_\_\_.

*It is not a question of God "sending us" to hell. In each of us there is something growing which will BE hell unless it is nipped in the bud. - C.S. Lewis*

## Signs of Smoke:

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2. Hell is our \_\_\_\_\_.

3. God's \_\_\_\_\_ is there.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Anger
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4. Hell demonstrates \_\_\_\_\_.

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)*

5. \_\_\_\_\_ is not enough.

*It's not enough for God to take us out of hell; He must take hell out of us.*

# Going Deeper

(This section is for those who want to pursue this subject more deeply by themselves or with a group.)

**Scripture:** Luke 16:19-31

1. Why is the rich man not named but referred to as the "rich man?" How may this be related to verse 25? How would you be referred to?

2. Why is the rich man still treating Lazarus like a servant? How does Abraham treat the rich man? Why?

3. Why does the rich man never ask to get out of hell?

4. What does he ask for? Why will it not work? What would work? Has it worked for you?

5. How is God's judgment linked to the rich man's choice? What does this tell you about judgment and Hell?