

PASSION-DRIVEN GIVING
Message Three: Giving Passionately for Outreach
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INTRODUCTION:

PROPOSITION: When it comes to outreach, there are three vital reasons we should passionately give to our church.

I. WE SHOULD GIVE PASSIONATELY TO OUR CHURCH BECAUSE HEAVEN IS SWEET.

- A. God's **Sacrifice**: Christ Provides **Redemption** that All May Go to Heaven. John 3:16, 17.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

- B. God's **Strategy**: The Church Preaches the **Resurrection** that All May Go to Heaven. 1 Cor. 15:12-21.

¹²Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁴And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. ¹⁵Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. ¹⁶For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁷And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! ¹⁸Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. ²⁰But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.

- C. God's **Stewards**: Christians Present **Resources** that All May Go to Heaven. Matt. 28:16-20.

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. ¹⁷When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All

authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰“teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

II. WE SHOULD GIVE PASSIONATELY TO OUR CHURCH BECAUSE HELL IS HOT.

A. Hell Is An Actual Place.

1. God created Hell for fallen angels, including, and foremost, the Devil. 2 Peter 2:4.

For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment...

2. Satan is not in Hell at this time. His domain is the Earth. Eph. 2:1, 2; Rev. 20:10.

Eph. 2:1, 2:

¹And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ²in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience

Rev. 20:10:

The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

3. Hell is now located at the center of the Earth. Matt. 11:23; Prov. 15:24.

Matt. 11:23:

And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴“But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you.”

Prov. 15:24.

The way of life winds upward for the wise, that he may turn away from hell below.

4. Hell is the abode of the wicked **dead**. Matt. 25:41, 46

⁴¹“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:’ ⁴⁶“And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

B. Hell Is an **Awful** Punishment.

1. Hell is a **furnace** of fire.” Rev. 14:9, 10.

⁹Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ “he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

2. Hell is “outer **darkness**.” Matt. 25:30.

And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

3. Hell is **eternal**. Rev. 20:10.

The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

4. Hell is “where the **worm** never dies.” Matt. 9:43b, 44; Job 25:5.

Matt. 9:43b, 44:

...to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched—⁴⁴“where ‘Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched.’

Job 25:6:

How much less man, who is a maggot, And a son of man, who is a worm?”

5. The “rich man” in Luke 16 reveals the following about a person in Hell:

- i. He is conscious.
- ii. He is in physical torment.
- iii. He is alone.
- iv. He retains his memory.

C. Hell Is The Absence of Pardon.

In Hell, there is no mercy of God. Rejection of Christ is the ultimate sin. Hell is the ultimate punishment. When people say that an eternal Hell is too severe a punishment for anyone, they fail to recognize:

1. The Holiness of God
2. The Sinfulness of Man.

God does not “send” anyone to Hell; people choose to go there!

C.S. Lewis said, “Sin is saying to God, ‘Leave me alone.’ Hell is God saying to man, ‘You may have your wish.’”

III. WE SHOULD GIVE PASSIONATELY TO OUR CHURCH BECAUSE TIME IS SHORT.

A. We Don’t Know When the Lord Will Return in the Future Time. Matt. 24:36.

But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.

1. The Saints Will Be Removed Before the Tribulation. .
2. The Spirit Will Be Retrained During the Tribulation.
3. The Sinners Will Remain During the Tribulation.

B. We Don’t Know When the Lost Will Reject for the Final Time. Rom. 1:28-31.

²⁸And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; ²⁹being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, ³⁰backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; ³²who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

1. People Are More and More **Distracted**.
2. People Are More and More **Disinterested**.
3. People Are More and More **Disbelieving**.
4. People Are More and More **Deluded**.

C. We Don't Know When **Loved-Ones** Will Reach Their **Fatal** Time.

1. The **Clock** May Run Out. Eph. 5:15, 16; James 4:13, 14.

Eph. 5:15, 16:

¹⁵See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

James 4:13, 14:

¹³Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; ¹⁴whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

2. Their **Conviction** May be Removed. Acts 26:28.

Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You almost persuade me to become a Christian."

APPLICATION:

1. Do I live as if Heaven is my home, or do I give very little daily consideration to Heaven?

2. If I realize that Heaven is my home, how has that affected my attitude toward material things here in this life?
3. When I give to my church, do I think of the very real fact that lost people who die without Christ end up in a very real place called “Hell”?
4. Does the fact that lost people have no hope increase my passion for giving to my evangelistic church?
5. How does the fact that “time is short” affect my view of “things”?
6. Am I giving for evangelistic outreach as if “time is short”?