

One Word: Hell

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I hope you have been keeping up with the *One Word* devotionals. Last week we focused on the word “hell”. Due to TSYS we did not have a sermon on the word, so I wanted us to focus on the word for this week’s bulletin article.

The New Testament uses the word “hell” (*geenna* in the Greek) only twelve times. The word is used by Jesus every time, except for one use of “hell” in James 3:6. This specific word is a transliteration of the Hebrew phrase *ge ben-Himmon*, which refers to the Valley of Hinnom south of Jerusalem that was used for child sacrifices (II Kings 23:10; Jeremiah 7:31-32; 19:6). For some, the small amount that this word is used might cause them to think that God doesn’t place too much importance or seriousness on the place of hell. Yet, this line of thinking has two major flaws: (1) God only needs to speak of something once in order for Him to be serious about that thing; and (2) even though the actual word “hell” is rare in the sacred text, the Bible uses a number of alternative words and phrases to describe this horrible place. Notice the various synonymous uses and really reflect on what these words and phrases are trying to convey to the reader:

- Eternal punishment (Daniel 12:2; Matthew 25:46)
- Eternal separation from God (II Thessalonians 1:9)
- Outer darkness (Matthew 8:12; 25:30)
- Lake of fire (Revelation 20:15)
- Second death (Revelation 20:14; 21:8)
- Eternal destruction (II Thessalonians 1:9)
- Unquenchable fire (Isaiah 64:24; Matthew 3:12)
- Eternal fire (Matthew 25:41; Jude 1:7)
- Spiritual death (Romans 6:23)
- Wages of sin (Romans 6:23)
- Place of burning sulfur (Revelation 19:20; 21:8)
- Removal (Matthew 13:41)
- Undying worms (Mark 9:48)
- Fiery furnace (Matthew 13:42)
- Place prepared for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41)
- Weeping (Matthew 8:12; 13:42)
- Gnashing of teeth (Matthew 8:12; 13:42)
- No rest (Revelation 14:11)

As you can see, hell is no picnic. No person with a clear mind would ever say, “I want to go to hell!”, yet lots of people with clear minds live their lives as though they do. You may not think too much of hell, nor realize the gravity of it, but God does. God is serious about hell because He is serious about sin. Those who live a life of sin will be cast into a hell where God will never dwell (Matthew 13:41-42; I Corinthians 6:9-11; Galatians 5:19-21). Sin demands that one be separated from God, because the nature of sin is antithetical to the nature of God. Sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2; II Thessalonians 1:9), but God doesn’t want you to be away from Him. He wants to be your God and He wants you to be in heaven for all of eternity. But that can only happen if you have your sins covered by the blood of His Son (Romans 3:25; 5:9; I Peter 1:18-19). Are your sins **really** covered by the blood of Christ? Or can you expect the fiery eternity of hell?

Luke Yates

His own people, eager to do what is good – Titus 2:14



Pam Babb, Betty Ball, Jack Brodie, Fred Bukowich, John Burlingame, Joyce Clarkson, Angela Collett, Pete Conrow, Ed Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Tim Dawkins, Amanda Dennie (friend of the Moreno family), Mary Jane Flint, Joe and Teresa Freund, Phyllis Goins, Pete Griffin, Faye Haight, May Hill, Wilma Hill, Doris Jones, Angela King, Guy Lewis, Chester Lyons, Bob Murray, Rita Murray, Gary Nielen, Pat Risley, Helen Swem, Corin Thomlinson, Bobbie Tuggle, Margaret Wald, Ruth Ann Wilson, Velda Wood.


- Margaret Wald, mother of Peter Wald, fell Friday and had surgery on Monday to repair a broken leg. She will be moved to Medicalodge on Wednesday.

Thank you so much for your generous gift to me following the fire! Thank you also for your prayers! You will never know how much you blessed me!


May God Bless,
Debbie Laughlin

Every "One" Counts: Thank you to all who have contributed an extra dollar in the offering this past week. We are helping a family in the community who lost everything recently. Please let Luke know if you have any people who could use some financial help.



 **Remember to read your *One Word* devotional on "hope" and your Bible this week.**

You can help! Bring canned chili and fruit juices to stock our pantry to help people in need.

 **This Sunday's Sermons:**
A.M. *They Glorified God Because of Me*
(Galatians 1:11-24, Danny Boggs)
PM: *One Word: Hope*
(Luke Yates)



We will deliver *Meals on Wheels* weekdays May 14-25. We need about eight helpers each day from 10-noon. Please sign up at the bulletin board if you can help one day or more.

There will be a **potluck/wedding shower** for Tyler Phillips and Whitney Rose in the Activities Center on May 20. Plan to stay for lunch as we celebrate Tyler and Whitney's upcoming wedding! If you'd like to donate toward a group gift, please see Molly Cobb or Brenda Kimbrough.



Devo & Donuts will wrap up for the season soon. Students, join us every Tuesday at 7 a.m. in the Activities Center until school ends.

Green Valley Bible Camp

- Our week is only 33 days away, June 10-16! Our theme is "Our Identity in Christ." This year friends invited by kids from Hillcrest go free, and one camper will again win \$123.03 for getting someone to come. See Danny for more information. Registration closes at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 3. Register at greenvalleybiblecamp.com.
- If you would like to help pay for kids to go to camp, Danny is ready to receive your donations.



Take Me Out to the Ballgame! We're going to a Cardinals v. Naturals game and singing the national anthem in Springdale Friday night, June 8. Tickets are \$9 per person. See Luke for more information and to order your tickets by May 20.

Senior Saints: Our monthly dinner will be this Saturday at noon. Bring food and a friend!

Wedding: Alec Fehring and Madison McDonnell will be married Saturday, May 19, at 6:30 in Verona. RSVP to www.theknot.com/us/Alec-and-Madison or call/text 417-389-3848.

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, May 13

- AM Opening: Jared Thomas
- AM Closing: Wayne Douthitt
- PM Opening: Noah Reiboldt
- PM Closing: Alec Fehring

Wednesday, May 16

- Opening: Jackson Collinsworth
- Closing: Joe Moreno

RECORDS	05-06-18	05-07-17
Bible Study	128	135
AM Worship	180	196
PM Worship	252	251
Wednesday	128	161
Contribution	\$7,703.50	\$8,934.97
Budget	\$7,630.58	\$7,075.67