



Day 7 - Anointed Activity In Death

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The Three Days Between the Cross and the Empty Tomb

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Session Agenda

1 Understanding the Setting

Contextualizing the concept of "Anointed Activity In Death."

2 Exploring Sheol/Hades

Delving into the divisions and nature of the afterlife.

3 Christ's Actions in Death

His triumph, specific deeds, and what He did not do.

4 Final Destinations

The Lake of Fire and ultimate judgment.

5 Practical Application

Meaning for our lives today and historical witness.

Key Scripture Passages

Luke 23:43

"Today you will be with Me in Paradise." — Promise to the thief on the cross.

1 Peter 3:18–20

Christ "went and preached to the spirits in prison."

Ephesians 4:8–10

Christ "descended into the lower parts of the earth" and "led captives."

Acts 2:25–32

Peter quotes Psalm 16: God would not leave His soul in Hades.

Revelation 1:18

"I hold the keys of Death and Hades."

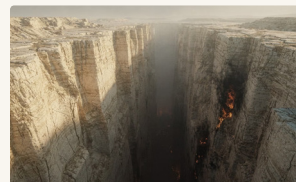
The Anatomy of Sheol / Hades

The realm of the dead — called Sheol in Hebrew and Hades in Greek — is the same realm referenced across both Testaments. It is simply "the place of departed souls." All the dead there are conscious — either in paradise or in torment. Nobody is unconscious or annihilated.



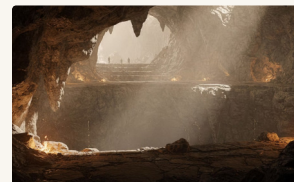
Paradise / Abraham's Bosom

The blessed compartment — where the righteous dead awaited in comfort and fellowship.



The Great Gulf

An impassable chasm separates Paradise from Torments. No one can cross from one side to the other (Luke 16:26).



Torments / Hell

The cursed compartment — where the unrighteous dead suffer in conscious torment, separated by an impassable gulf.



Tartarus / The Pit

The prison of fallen angels — the Watchers of Genesis 6, held in chains awaiting final judgment.

Division 1: Paradise / Abraham's Bosom

THE BLESSED COMPARTMENT – UPPER REGION

Occupants

The righteous dead of the Old Testament — Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, Daniel, and the thief on the cross.

Character & Key Scripture

A place of comfort and fellowship with Abraham, the father of the faithful. Luke 23:43 — "Today you will be with Me in paradise."

The Great Gulf

A great chasm exists between this place of comfort and the place of torment — no one can cross from one to the other (Luke 16:26).





Division 2: Torments / Hell

THE CURSED COMPARTMENT – LOWER REGION

Occupants

All who died in unbelief and rejection of God.

Character

Literal torment, described as a flame (Luke 16:23–24). Consciousness is required for such suffering.

Key Scripture

Luke 16:19–31 — The Rich Man "being in torment" saw Abraham far away across the impassable gulf.

Division 3: Tartarus / The Pit

THE PRISON OF FALLEN ANGELS

Occupants

Fallen angelic beings — likely the "Watchers" of Genesis 6 (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6).

Character

Tartarus appears only once in the New Testament (translated "hell"), describing a place of imprisonment for fallen angels. Within Sheol there appear to be "recesses" called the pit (*bor* in Hebrew), referenced in Psalm 30:3; Isaiah 38:18; Ezekiel 31:16.

Key Scripture

1 Peter 3:19 — Christ "went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison."

Christ's Visit

He proclaimed His victory and their condemnation to these imprisoned spirits.

What Christ Did There

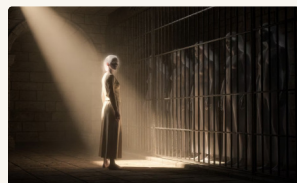
Jesus moved through each region of Hades not as a wanderer — but as a conquering King. Four distinct actions mark His descent.



Presence

Present with the Righteous in Paradise

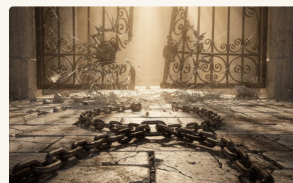
Jesus entered Paradise and was with the saints of old — comforting and fulfilling their long wait.



Proclamation

Proclaimed Victory to Imprisoned Spirits

He declared His triumph to the spirits in prison — not an offer of salvation, but an announcement of their condemnation.



Victory

Defeated Death on Its Own Turf

Death had no claim on a sinless life. Christ turned the principle of death against itself and conquered it.



Deliverance

Led Captives Free to Heaven

He gathered all the redeemed from Paradise and led them from Hades into their permanent home in heaven.

A. Present with the Righteous Dead

In Paradise, Jesus was with the saints of old — Abraham, David, Daniel, and the many men and women of God who had died in faith.

His presence transformed the nature of that place from one of waiting to one of fulfillment. Abraham's Bosom became Paradise the moment the Lord Jesus entered it during the three days His body lay in the grave.



B. Proclaimed Victory to Imprisoned Spirits

The Greek word for "preached" in 1 Peter 3:18–20 is *kerusso* — meaning to proclaim or announce. This was not an offer of salvation, but a declaration of triumph over sin, death, and Satan.

- Good news for the righteous who had awaited His coming
- A sign of judgment for those who had rebelled against God

Christ's Visit to Torments

He proclaimed His victory — not an extension of salvation to those who had already died, but a declaration of triumph. The condemned heard the announcement of their condemnation confirmed.



C. Defeated Death on Its Own Turf

Death overstepped its bounds in coming after Jesus — death had no claim on a sinless life. Through the power of His resurrection, Jesus turned the principle of death against itself and conquered over it.

Christ now holds the keys to Death and Hades (Revelation 1:18). One day both will be thrown into the Lake of Fire along with the rest of His enemies.

D. He Led Captives Free

EPHESIANS 4:8–10

After securing salvation on the cross, Jesus gathered all the redeemed who were in Paradise — Abraham, David, the thief on the cross, and everyone justified by faith — and led them from Hades to their permanent home in heaven.

Christ unlocked the part of Hades containing the righteous dead and brought them into heaven. Paradise — once located below in Sheol — moved upward. Paul, writing after the resurrection, described being caught up to Paradise in the *third heaven* (2 Corinthians 12:2–4).

What Christ Did NOT Do



No Additional Atonement

Jesus made no atonement in Hades — that was finished at Calvary (John 19:30; Colossians 1:19–22). "It is finished" meant exactly that.



No Post-Mortem Salvation

His declaration of victory was not an extension of the offer of salvation to those who had already died in unbelief.



He Did Not Remain

Acts 2:25–32 makes clear He could not be held by death. The grave had no authority to keep the sinless Son of God.



The Final Destination: The Lake of Fire

FUTURE — NOT YET POPULATED

What It Is

The Lake of Fire (Revelation 19–20) is the final hell — the place of eternal punishment for all unrepentant rebels, both angelic and human. Described as burning sulfur with eternal, unrelenting agony.

Who Goes There

Those currently in Torments await transfer here at the Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:13–15). Death and Hades themselves will also be cast into the Lake of Fire.



Historical & Creedal Witness

The early church widely accepted that Jesus descended to the dead — not as weakness, but as a victory march. Church Fathers like Augustine, Irenaeus, and Tertullian all affirmed this descent. The theme appears in ancient Christian art, hymnody, and medieval theology, where it became known as the Harrowing of Hell.

"He descended into hell [the dead]." — The Apostles' Creed

So What? Our Application

What Looked Like Silence Was Divine Activity

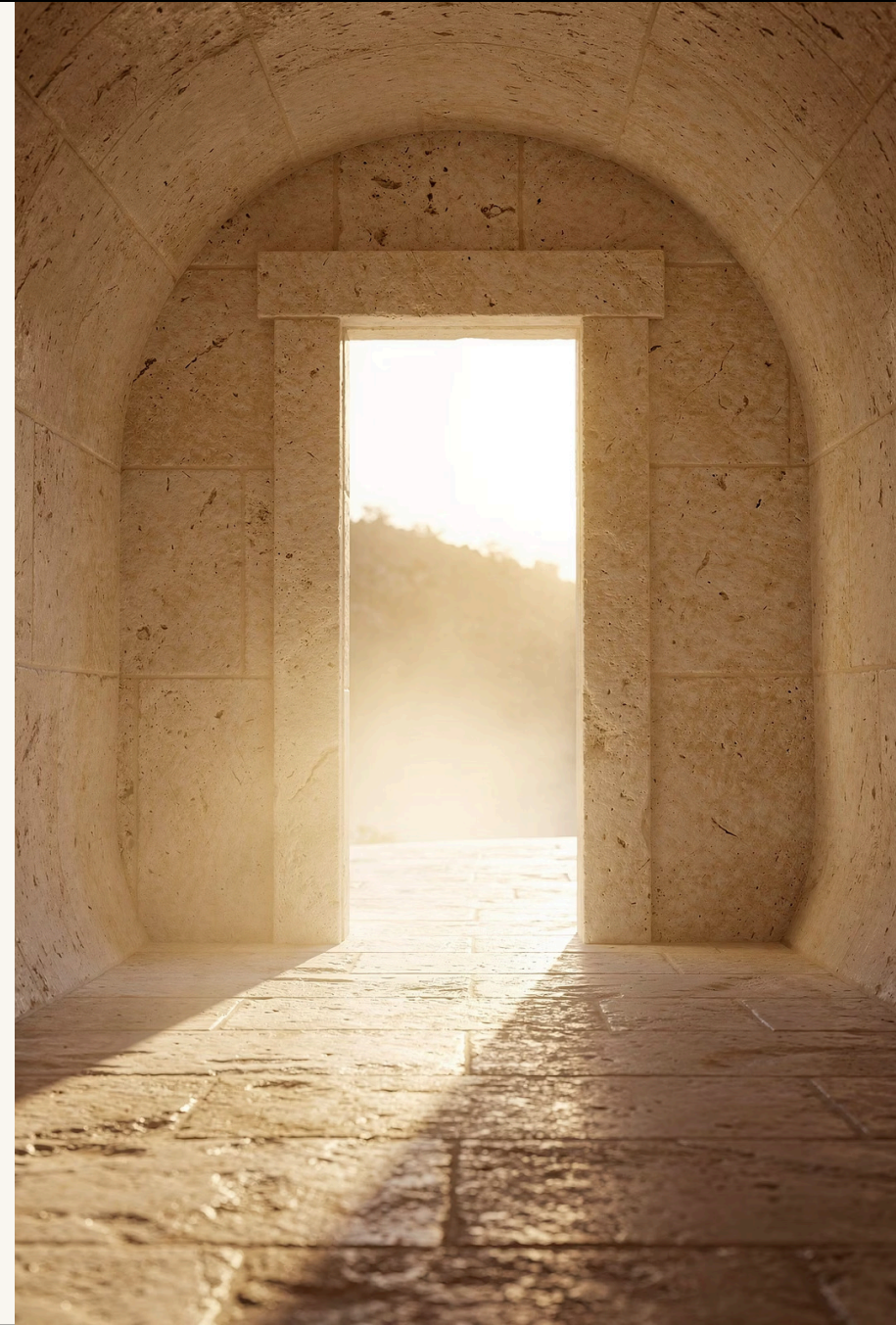
Christ moved through each region as a conquering King — comforting the righteous, declaring victory to the imprisoned, stripping death of its authority — before emerging from the tomb on the third day.

Death No Longer Holds the Keys

Christ experienced the fullness of human death so that we need not fear it. Even while death still wreaks havoc, it no longer holds the keys to its kingdom — Jesus does.

The Three Days Were the Story

The three days were not a pause in the story — they were the story, unfolding in the unseen realm. What looked like defeat was the greatest victory in history.



We have covered...

Setting the Stage & Key Scripture

Establishing the biblical context and foundational passages.

The Anatomy of Sheol / Hades

Exploring the concept and divisions of the intermediate state.

What Christ Accomplished There

Unpacking Jesus' activities during the three days in death.

What Christ Did NOT Do

Clarifying common misconceptions about this critical period.

The Final Destination: Lake of Fire

A look at the ultimate judgment and eternal consequence.

Historical Witness & Application

Examining creedal statements and drawing practical insights for today.



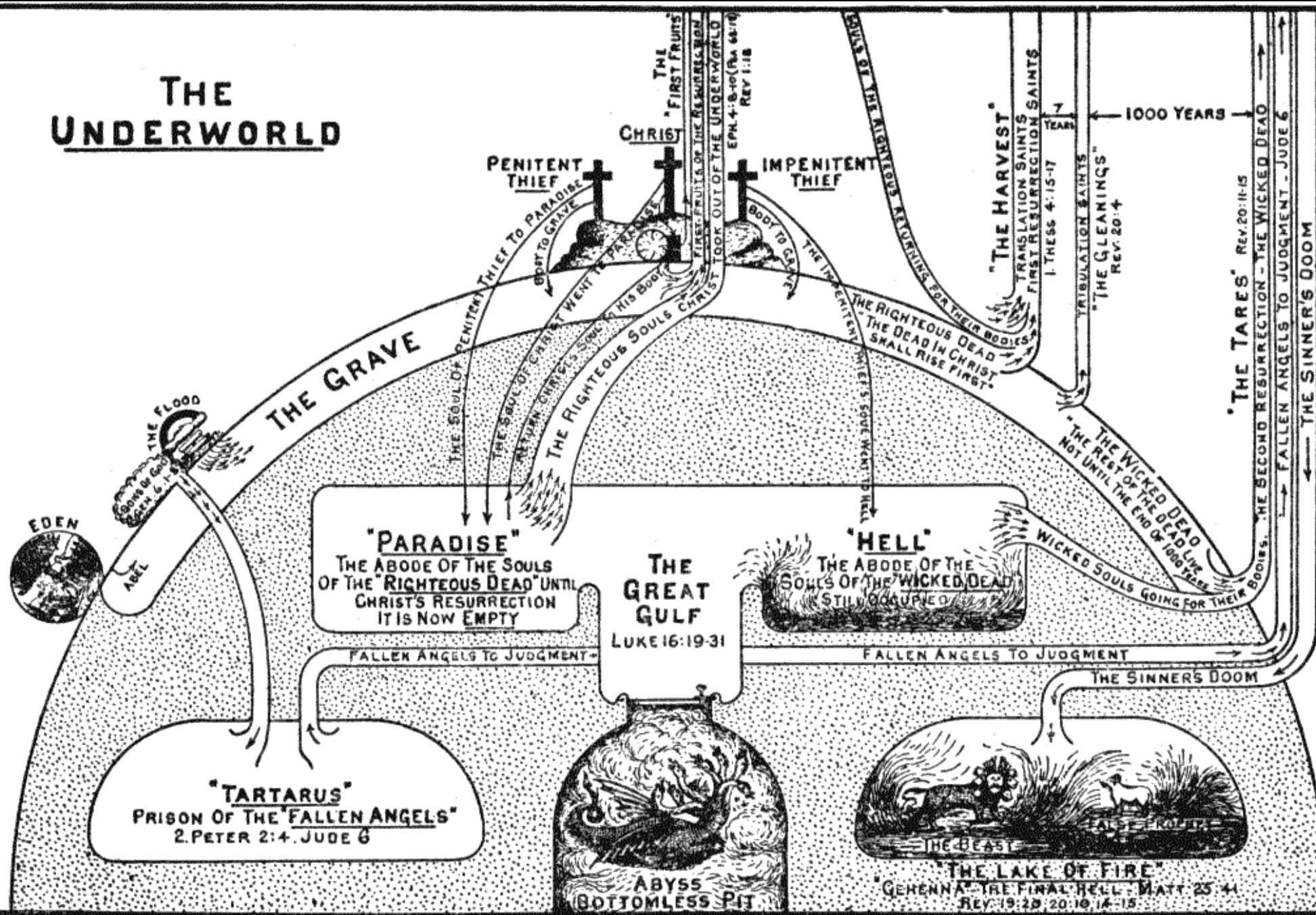
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