"Something Better." Tough Questions Part 2



"If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell." Matthew 5:29





"They have built the high places of Topheth in the Valley of Ben Hinnom to burn their sons and daughters in the fire—"

Jeremiah 7:31



"And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever." **Revelations 20:10**

"He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might" 1 Thessalonians 1:8-9

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day.

²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

²² "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

²⁵ "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

²⁷ "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

Luke 16:19-28



"God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5:8

"since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation." Romans 5:9 NLT

"So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus."

Romans 8:1

"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9

"The thief's (Satan) purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My (Jesus) purpose is to give them (You & I) a rich and satisfying life." John 10:10

Application:

What <u>lie</u> is <u>preventing</u> you from <u>enjoying</u> the rich & satisfying life <u>Jesus wants you to live?</u>

- What will you do?
- What will you say?
- What will you do and say to encourage that person?