
Welcome
Friends & Family

16 But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: 17 “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; 18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; 20 the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. 21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Acts 2:16 – 21 (ESV)

In this study:

1. We will see how God planned for man's redemption from sin before He formed the world.
2. We will study the truth about what happens to the soul after death and what will ultimately wait the impenitent.

22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— 23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. 24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

Acts 2:22 – 24 (ESV)

Jesus' deity was proved by:

- “mighty works”
 - John 3:2
- “wonders”
 - Matthew 15:30 – 31
- “signs”
 - John 20:30 – 31

The plan of salvation for all mankind
was in the mind of God from before
the beginning of the creation.

18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

John 10:18 (ESV)

53 Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? 54 But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?"

Matthew 26:53 – 54 (ESV)

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Ephesians 1:3 – 10 (ESV)

Jesus' resurrection was in
inevitable.

39 But he answered them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Matthew 12:39 – 40 (ESV)

25 For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; 26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. 27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. 28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ 29 “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

Acts 2:25 – 29 (ESV)

2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2 (ESV)

The soul is distinct from the body.

26 For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

James 2:26 (ESV)

It is important to understand the difference between “Hell” & “Hades”.

Hades is the realm of souls awaiting Judgement Day.

- The term used here is the Greek word “haides”.
- What is Hades? (Luke 16:19 – 31)
 - It is defined as “the place (state) of departed souls”
 - Two Places within Hadean Realm:
 1. Torment
 - Luke 16:22 – 23
 - Luke 16:26
 2. Paradise
 - Luke 23:43

11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. 12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. 13 And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, **Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them**, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. 14 **Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.** 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:11 – 15 (ESV)

Hell is the place of eternal torment awaiting the condemned.

- The Greek term that refers hell is “Gehenna.”
- It is defined as “used (figuratively) as a name for the place (or state) of everlasting punishment.”
- It comes from a reference to “valley of (the son of) Hinnom; ge-henna (or Ge-Hinnom), a valley of Jerusalem.”
- Jeremiah 7:30 – 32
- See also: 2 Kings 23:10; 2 Chronicles 28:1 – 4; 33:6; Jeremiah 19:2, 6; 32:35

Where do we go when we die?



SAVED: The Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:47)

THE LOST: Those who do not know God, and so those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Thessalonians 1:7-8)

DEATH: And it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment. (Hebrews 9:27)

WIDE GATE: Wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. (Matthew 7:14)

NARROW GATE: Narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. (Matthew 7:14)

PARADISE: You will be with Me in Paradise. (Luke 23:43)

TORMENTS: Being in torments in Hades. (Luke 16:23)

RESURRECTION: Resurrection of the dead. (1 Corinthians 15:42-44)

JUDGMENT DAY: And it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment. (Hebrews 9:27)

HEAVEN: An inheritance reserved in heaven for you. (1 Peter 1:4)

HELL: God is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. (Matthew 10:28)

GREAT GULF: Between us and you there is a great gulf fixed. (Luke 16:26)

28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matthew 10:28 (ESV)

Jesus didn't go into "Hell".

29 “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

Acts 2:29 (ESV)

David could not have been prophesying about himself!

In our next study on the book of Acts, we will be examining the rest of chapter 2.