What A Certain Rich Man Saw From Hell
Luke 16:19-31 (22)

Introduction:
   A. The Rich man was conscious after death.
      1. He could see, talk, feel and hear — a fact that the materialists refuse to see.
      2. He could see Abraham and Lazarus afar off — but he saw far more.
   B. The Rich man saw some facts that he had overlooked before.

Discussion:
   I. He Saw the Horror of Being Lost (vv. 23-24, 28).
      A. He was now reaping what he had sown (v. 25; Gal. 6:7,8).
      B. He was getting the just wages for sin (Rom. 6:23).
   II. He Saw His Real Condition (vv. 24-26).
      A. He was the real poor beggar - not Lazarus.
         1. Now begging water from Lazarus's finger.
         2. Real wealth is not in material things (Rev. 3:17).
         3. Real wealth cannot be stored on earth (Mt. 6:19-21).
      B. He was helpless and hopeless (vv. 24-27).
   III. He Saw the Lost (v. 28).
      A. He had seen brothers before, but not as lost souls.
      B. Jesus saw people as lost people and taught his disciples to do this (Lk. 19:10; Mk. 16:15,16).
      C. The early church saw the lost (Acts 8:4; Col. 1:23).
      D. We must see our friends and neighbors as lost without the gospel (cf. 2 Thess. 1:7-9).
         1. May be reason church is not growing.
         2. May be reason we spend more time on less important things.
   IV. He Saw the Value of the Written Word of God (vv. 29-31).
      A. Moses and the prophets (O.T. Scriptures) were sufficient then — additional miracle superfluous.
      B. Apostles and prophets (N. T. Scriptures) are sufficient now — additional “proof” superfluous.
      C. Written word might have helped the brothers if Rich man had taught them while living.
         1. Now it was too late.
         2. What would he have given for just one Bible study with them now?

Conclusion:
   A. We need to see these things now — while we can do something about them.
   B. We must decide now which side of the “great gulf” we will spend eternity.