

## The Great Chasm

Luke 16:19-31

*“Besides all this, a great chasm has been fixed between us, so that those who want to cross over from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” Luke 16:26*

**Main Point:** Each of us has a responsibility to receive or reject salvation in this life before death seals our decision permanently.

Luke 16:19-21

- The rich man and Lazarus' lives were in close proximity and stark contrast.  
**Our lesson:** This present time is our opportunity to respond to the Lord in acts of faith and love others as God has loved us.

Luke 16:22-23

- Death changed everything that the rich man and Lazarus experienced in life.  
**Our lesson:** Our eternal experience will be better than life for those who trust in God and unexpectedly awful for those who do not.

Luke 16:24-26

- God's judgment brings agony that cannot be quenched or reversed.  
**Our lesson:** There will be no second chances for those who die without saving faith.

Luke 16:27-31.

- Miraculous signs will not convince those who have already rejected the truth of the scriptures.  
**Our lesson:** Each of us must personally respond in faith to the compelling truth of the Gospel.

### Questions for reflection:

- Have I made a decision to trust in Christ for salvation?
- Do I live my life in dependence on God or depending on myself?
- Am I callous towards the genuine needs of others?
- Am I living today with a purpose for eternity?