

Decent into Hell

***“At the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth” (Phil 2:10).***

Sermon Questions

1. Do you agree that we rarely consider the unseen world today (i.e., angels, demons, etc). (Yes/No)
2. In general, how many realms does Scripture speak of? _____
3. What are the two unseen realms? _____
4. Sheol, Hades, the pit, the abyss, or the depths of the sea all refer to the underworld. (Yes/No)
5. The Greek word tartarus described a subterranean place lower than Hades. (Yes/No)
6. _____ rules over the underworld. (Hint: It is either God or Satan.)
7. Abaddon (literally, destruction) is a reference to: (circle all that apply)
 - i. The lower regions of the underworld.
 - ii. Satan, who is used by God to carry out judgment upon the earth.
 - iii. Apollyon
8. When Jesus died his soul (or spirit) left his _____ and went to _____.
9. List at least two passages to support question 8: _____
10. What happened when Jesus was in Hades?
 - i. He did *not* go down to _____ or pay a ransom price to _____.
 - ii. He went to _____ his people who were trapped there.
 - iii. He went to _____ a message of _____ and comfort.
11. Write the two applications about these truths:
 - i. Christ is our mighty _____.
 - ii. All who _____ in Christ now go straight into the presence of _____.

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. What is the *Christus Victor* model of the atonement? How does knowing what Christ did to ransom the OT saints, how does this help us? (Hint: consider his return and the coming resurrection.)
2. In what ways is knowing about the underworld helpful to live faithfully as a follower of Jesus Christ? How will it affect you this week?
3. If you are looking for a book on this subject, I recommend *Crux, Mors, Inferi: A Primer and Reader on the Descent of Christ* by Samuel Renihan.
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? _____

What did you learn about God today? _____

What words did you not know today? _____

