

Limited Time Only!

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I. The Good News Calls for an Urgent Response

Luke 16:15

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Luke 16:16

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Luke 14:23

"Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled."

Luke 16:17-18

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II. The Good News Warns Against a Permanent Chasm

Luke 16:19-22

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Warning #1: Worldly Positions do not Reflect Kingdom Reality.

Warning #2: The chasm will exist and it will be deserved.

Luke 16:23-26

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Warning #3: The children of wrath reject the good news.

Luke 16:27-31

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Ephesians 2:1-3

"And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind."

Main Idea: The Good News Saves From a Just Fate.

Ephesians 2:4-7

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."