The Rich Man and Lazarus

July 7, 2025 | *Luke 16:19-31*



Observation: What is happening here?:

Parabolic Outline (vv. 19-31):

- vv. 19-21: The Rich Man and Lazarus: Two Different Lives
- vv. 22-23: Two different deaths
- vv. 24-26: Rich man's request denied
- vv. 27-31: Scripture is sufficient

Parallel Parables:

- Parable of the Rich Fool (Luke 12:13-21)
- Pharisee & Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-14)

Context:

- Follows teachings on stewardship (Luke 16:14-15)
- Uses Jewish afterlife imagery (Abraham's side, Hades)
- "Lazarus" means "God has helped"

Ontario Community Church: **Encouraging, Equipping and Engaging lives for Christ.**John 6:47 (ESV) "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever **believes** has eternal life"

Interpretation: What can we learn (interpret) from this?

Our Actions Reveal Our Heart

- Rich man's neglect reveals a hardened heart.
- Faith is shown by transformation: compassion, humility, and stewardship.
 - Scriptures: James 2:14-17; Matthew 25:41-46; 1 John 3:17-18

Eternal Life Exists

- There is life after death. Our heart towards God has eternal consequences.
- · After death, our decision is eternal.
 - Scriptures: Hebrews 9:27; Daniel 12:2; Revelation 20:12-15

• Scripture is Sufficient for Salvation

- God's Word provides all we need for salvation.
 - Scriptures: Luke 16:29-31; Romans 10:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Application: What can I do? How can I live this out?

• Respond to Christ's Invitation

- Recognize your spiritual need for salvation; respond to Christ's call.
 - Scriptures: John 3:16; Acts 4:12; Romans 10:9-13

• Live Your New Life Being Transformed

- $\circ~$ Grow in Him through his word & in community. Growth is a process.
- Live intentionally, doing good in Christ's name.
 - Scriptures: Matthew 25:35-40; Micah 6:8; Proverbs 19:17

• Share God's Word, Grace, and Truth to Others

- Live out your faith through word and action. Do not be idle.
- Share your faith (your testimony) and God's Word with others.
 - Scriptures: Romans 1:16; Matthew 28:19-20; Isaiah 55:10-11