

**eXplain it**  
**First Sunday After Trinity**

Genesis 15 (God's covenant with Abram)  
 Psalm 33:12-22 (Our soul waits for the Lord)  
 1 John 4:7-21 (God's love and others)  
 Luke 16:19-31 (The rich man and Lazarus)

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Luke 16:19-31  
 (The rich man and Lazarus)

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the "Great Reversals" of God

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**The Triune God is in Control**

**Right is Right, Wrong is Wrong  
and in the End, Divine Justice Will Prevail**

**In Jesus, the Kingdom of God prevails!**

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**Genesis 50:19-20: But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God?**

**20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. (NIV)**

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**The Book of Esther**

**Esther 7:10: So they hanged Haman on the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai. (NIV)**

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**the Psalms**

**lament – “Why Lord?”**  
**imprecatory Psalms – “O Lord, act!”**

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**the Teaching of Jesus**

**Matthew 5 (the beatitudes) ...**  
**The first will be ...**  
**If you want to become great ...**

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**Matthew 16:23-ff: Jesus turned and said to Peter,**  
**"Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block**  
**to me; you do not have in mind the things of God,**  
**but the things of men."**

**24Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone**  
**would come after me, he must deny himself and**  
**take up his cross and follow me. (NIV)**

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**Matthew 16:25-26: "For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.**

**26What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? (NIV)**

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**Luke 16:19-31**

**The Rich Man and Lazarus**

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**Two Men**

**Two Different Earthly Lives**

**Two Different Eternal Places**

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**Luke 16:19-21: There was a rich man ...  
lived in luxury everyday.**

**And there was a beggar, named Lazarus ...  
covered with sores, longing to eat what fell from  
the rich man's table. (NIV)**

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**16:22-24: The time came when the beggar died  
and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The  
rich man also died and was buried. In hell (Hades),  
where he was in torment, he looked up and saw  
Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.**

**So he called to him, "Father Abraham, have pity on  
me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in  
water and cool my tongue, because I am agony in  
this fire." (NIV)**

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**Luke 16:25-26: 25"But Abraham replied, 'Son,  
remember that in your lifetime you received  
your good things, while Lazarus received bad  
things, but now he is comforted here and you  
are in agony.**

**26And besides all this, between us and you a  
great chasm has been fixed, so that those who  
want to go from here to you cannot, nor can  
anyone cross over from there to us.' (NIV)**

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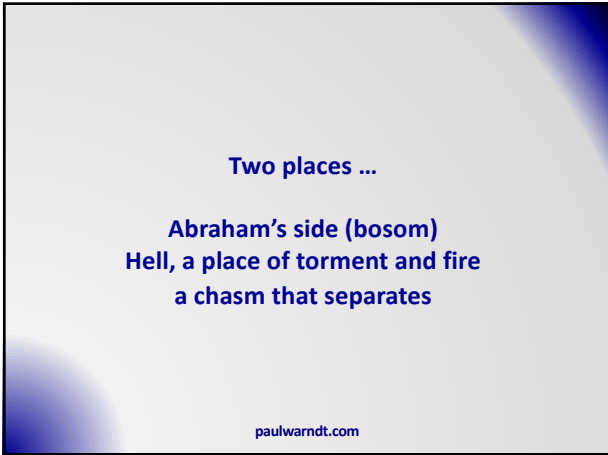
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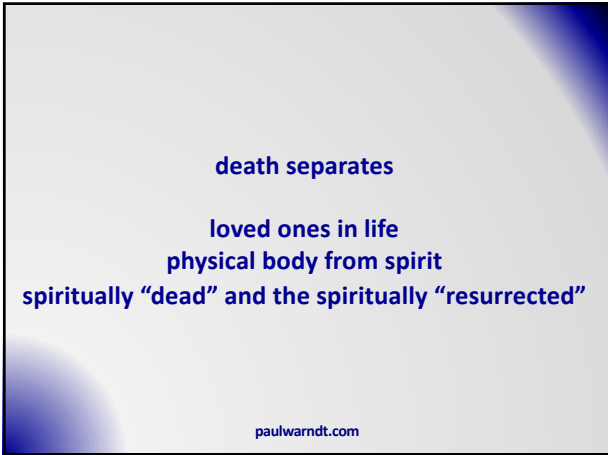
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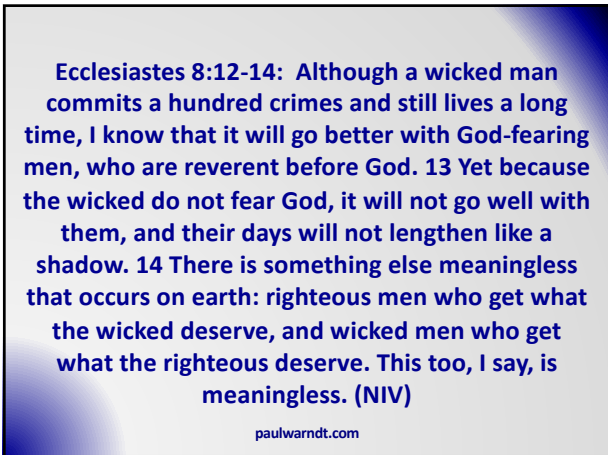
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**Ecclesiastes 9:2-3: All share a common destiny-the righteous and the wicked, the good and the bad, the clean and the unclean, those who offer sacrifices and those who do not. As it is with the good man, so with the sinner; as it is with those who take oaths, so with those who are afraid to take them. 3 This is the evil in everything that happens under the sun: The same destiny overtakes all. (NIV)**

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**the meaning of "sheol"  
(context and content)**

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**sheol = the grave  
"ashes to ashes, dust to dust"**

**Job 17:13-ff: "If the only home I hope for is the grave, if I spread out my bed in darkness ... 15 where then is my hope? Who can see any hope for me? 16 Will it go down to the gates of death? Will we descend together into the dust?"**

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**sheol = "the afterlife"  
to depart the land of the living**

**Psalm 89:48: What man can live and not see death, or save himself from the power of the grave?**

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**sheol = "the place of judgment  
for the unrighteous"**

**Deuteronomy 32:22: For a fire has been kindled by my wrath, one that burns to the realm of death below. (NIV)**

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**"death" and  
the "second death"**

**Revelation 21:6-8: He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. 7He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son. (NIV)**

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**“death” and  
the “second death”**

**Revelation 21:6-8: 8 But the cowardly, the  
unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually  
immoral, those who practice magic arts, the  
idolaters and all liars--their place will be in the  
fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second  
death." (NIV)**

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**Born once. Die twice.  
Born twice. Die once.**

**Psalm 49:14-15: Like sheep they are destined  
for the grave, and death will feed on them. The  
upright will rule over them in the morning; their  
forms will decay in the grave, far from their  
princely mansions. 15 But God will redeem my  
life from the grave; he will surely take me to  
himself. (NIV)**

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**Two Men  
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**“Blessings” in this world.  
Blessings in the world to come.**

**Matthew 5:1-12: Blessed are ...  
Matthew 6:19-ff: For where your treasure is  
there your heart is also.  
1 John 2:15-17 ... do not love the “world”**

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**“Whoever feels God’s goodness also feels his  
neighbor’s misfortune, but whoever does not feel  
God’s goodness also does not feel his neighbor’s  
misfortune.**

**Therefore, just as he had no pleasure in God, so  
also his neighbor was not in his heart.”**

**(Luther, Trinity 1 Sermon)**

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**The rich man’s inward sin ...  
no fear, love or trust in God (unbelief)**

**The rich man’s outward sin ...  
no love or good works toward neighbor**

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**Luke 16:27-31: "Then I beg you, send Lazarus to my father's house 28 for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment." (NIV)**

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**Luke 16:29-31: "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'**

**30" 'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'**  
**(NIV)**

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**Luke 16:31: "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "****(NIV)**

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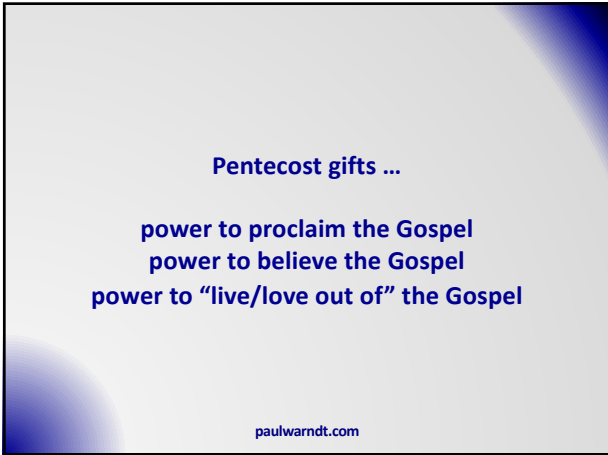
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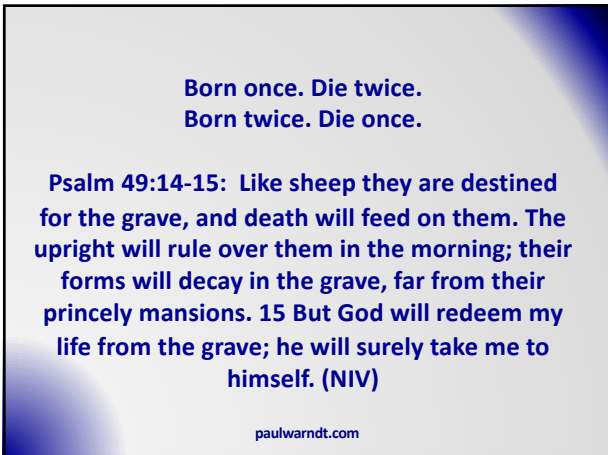
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