### GROWING DEEP IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE: RETURNING TO OUR ROOTS

An Interview with One from Beyond

LUKE 16:19-31



## The Heart of the Matter

Paranormal phenomena and speculation about the afterlife usually draw immediate attention. Everyone, it seems, looks with interest when the curtain of death is lifted. Books, seminars, and television programs abound with claims of out-of-body death experiences, speaking with the dead, and so on. Are these illusions or reality? In Luke's gospel, Jesus recounts an intriguing story of one who spoke from the grave.



## Discovering the Way

### 1. Several Death and Dying Events in Our Day

Many people have experienced phenomena at the end of life or during near-death experiences that point to an afterlife.

### 2. Biblical Hope for Christians to Claim

Our great, ultimate hope is the place of eternal rest and joy and unending presence of our God.

#### 3. Ultimate Realities for Non-Christians to Face (Luke 16:19–31)

The punishment laid out for those who do not believe in Jesus consists of literal pain, full consciousness, the continued presence of memory, the total absence of comfort, and the impossibility of escape.



# **Starting Your Journey**

As we ponder the life after this one, believers and unbelievers alike must grapple with the major question worth answering: Where are you going to spend eternity?





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