

I. Read Luke 10:10-16

- A. In these verses, an important principle is described. It concerns the different degrees of sin and differing levels of responsibility for men. In verse 12, it is explained that those rejecting the message of the seventy will be worse off than Sodom. What is meant by this?

- B. In verse 13, Chorazin and Bethsaida are compared to Tyre and Sidon. Why?

- C. With the above points in mind, do you believe there are degrees of punishment in hell?

- D. What is the truth expressed in verse 16 (see 2 Corinthians 5:20)?

- E. How might understanding this truth affect a believer's willingness to share Christ with others?

II. Read Luke 10:17-20

- A. In verse 17 we read of the excitement the seventy experienced as they became aware of the reality of spiritual warfare and the authority they had in Christ. What is the nature of spiritual warfare (see Ephesians 6:11-12)?

- B. What is the extent and nature of the authority believers have in Christ Jesus (see Hebrews 10:11-14; Ephesians. 4:24; Colossians 1:12-13; 1 John 4:4; Revelation 12:10-11)?

C. The Westminster Confession of Faith expresses the following truths about the assurance of grace and salvation in chapter 18. Please read:

4. True believers may have the assurance of their salvation divers ways shaken, diminished, and intermitted; as, by negligence in preserving of it, by falling into some special sin which woundeth the conscience and grieveth the Spirit; by some sudden or vehement temptation, by God's withdrawing the light of his countenance, and suffering even such as fear him to walk in darkness and to have no light: yet are they never utterly destitute of that seed of God, and life of faith, that love of Christ and the brethren, that sincerity of heart, and conscience of duty, out of which, by the operation of the Spirit, this assurance may, in due time, be revived; and by the which, in the meantime, they are supported from utter despair.

D. Read Acts 8:9-20 and discuss how Simon made the same mistake Jesus warned the seventy against in Luke 10:20.