

I once heard the late evangelist Wendell Winkler tell about preaching in a meeting in Oklahoma.

After preaching a lesson on hell, the local preacher, who had been in that city for 22 years, told Winkler that in those 22 years, the church there had held 44 gospel meetings (two per year). During those meetings, a total of 527 sermons had been preached. Wendell Winkler's lesson was said to be the first one on the subject of hell that they had ever heard in those meetings.

Preaching about eternal hell appears to be so rare that when a notable religious leader addresses the issue, it draws attention even from many major media outlets. Recently, Pope Benedict XVI, in a speech delivered outside of Rome, stressed that the impenitent risk "eternal damnation." Hell "really exists," he said, "and is eternal, even if nobody talks about it much any more" (as quoted in Owen, 2007). FOX News, the Boston Herald, Times Online, and the Melbourne Herald Sun are only a few of the media elites who carried this story. "The pope really believes in an eternal hell."

Warning others about the judgment to come is not popular. Teaching in the streets and churches about an eternal hell is as sparse as rain in the Sahara. Although the papacy itself is unscriptural (see Pinedo, 2005), Christians can appreciate the fact that Benedict XVI would address such a politically incorrect subject. Truly, it is high past time for faithful Christians around the world to get back to teaching a truth that Jesus and the Bible writers repeatedly taught: hell is real and eternal (Matthew 5:22; 25:41,46; Mark 9:43; 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9).

Order of Service

Opening Remarks		Sam Phillips
Song Leader		Tom Barr
Song #585	<i>Soldiers of Christ, Arise</i>	
Song #405	<i>Love Divine</i>	
Prayer		Don Petrosky, Sr.
Song #621	<i>Ten Thousand Angels</i>	
Communion		Clay Bond Leonard Meredith
Song #208	<i>He Is Able to Deliver Thee</i>	
Song #492	<i>O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee</i>	
Sermon		Clay Bond
Song #389	<i>Let Him Have His Way with Thee</i>	
Offering		
Closing Remarks		Sam Phillips
Song #847	<i>Bind Us Together</i>	
Dismissal Prayer		Ray Parks

Announcements:

Feb 28th – Mar. 3rd Arise Workshop at Southwest church of Christ

Wednesday Devotional

Feb. 13th Chris
Feb. 20th Dylan
Feb. 27th Russell

...Prayer List...

Gay Kyle, Kathy Ivanciw's mother Shirley, Butch Crownover, Chris' cousin Tyler, Melvin Wright

Remember our college students who are away at school: Jarrett & Luke Haydon

Shut-Ins: Robbi George

Attendance: Sunday AM: 32 PM: 31 Wednesday: 30 Contribution: \$2415.29