

New Vine Fellowship Sermon Outline December 7, 2025

MESSAGE: Life or Death

I. FOUNDATIONS:

A. JESUS' WORD... John 14:6 (NIV)

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

B. JESUS' WORDS... John 6:40 (NIV)

For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

II. REVIEW: LAW & PROPHETS

A. Two Masters Luke 16:13 (NLT)

13 "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

B. Law of Moses Luke 16:16 (NLT)

16 "Until John the Baptist, the law of Moses and the messages of the prophets were your guides. But now the Good News of the Kingdom of God is preached, and everyone is eager to get in.

C. God's Law Luke 16:17- 18 (NLT)

17 But that doesn't mean that the law has lost its force. It is easier for heaven and earth to disappear than for the smallest point of God's law to be overturned. 18 "For example, a man who divorces his wife and marries someone else commits adultery. And anyone who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery."

III. RICH MAN & LAZARUS

A. The Rich Man Luke 16:19 (NLT)

19 Jesus said, "There was a certain rich man who was splendidly clothed in purple and fine linen and who lived each day in luxury.

B. Poor Man Lazarus Luke 16:20-21 (NLT)

20 At his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. 21 As Lazarus lay there longing for scraps from the rich man's table, the dogs would come and lick his open sores.

C. Death Luke 16:22-23 (NLT)

22 "Finally, the poor man died and was carried by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, 23 and his soul went to the place of the dead. There, in torment, he saw Abraham in the far distance with Lazarus at his side.

D. Father Abraham Luke 16:24-25 (NLT)

24 "The rich man shouted, 'Father Abraham, have some pity! Send Lazarus over here to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue. I am in anguish in these flames.' 25 "But Abraham said to him, 'Son, remember that during your lifetime you had everything you wanted, and Lazarus had nothing. So now he is here being comforted, and you are in anguish.

E. Chasm Luke 16:26 (NLT)

26 And besides, there is a great chasm separating us. No one can cross over to you from here, and no one can cross over to us from there.'

F. Warnings Luke 16:27-29 (NLT)

27 "Then the rich man said, 'Please, Father Abraham, at least send him to my father's home. 28 For I have five brothers, and I want him to warn them so they don't end up in this place of torment.' 29 "But Abraham said, 'Moses and the prophets have warned them. Your brothers can read what they wrote.'

G. Return from Dead Luke 16:30-31 (NLT)

30 “The rich man replied, ‘No, Father Abraham! But if someone is sent to them from the dead, then they will repent of their sins and turn to God.’ 31 “But Abraham said, ‘If they won’t listen to Moses and the prophets, they won’t be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.’”

IV. FINAL CHOICE

A. GOD Says... 1 John 5 9-10 (NLT)

9 Since we believe human testimony, surely we can believe the greater testimony that comes from God. And God has testified about his Son. 10 All who believe in the Son of God know in their hearts that this testimony is true. Those who don’t believe this are actually calling God a liar because they don’t believe what God has testified about his Son.

B. Eternal Life 1 John 5 11-12 (NLT)

11 And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God’s Son does not have life.

C. Believe 1 John 5 13 (NLT)

13 I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.