

Before It's Too Late

I've often picked on the game of Golf, compared to other sports

- You get to ride around in a golf cart
- Have a caddy to help with your clubs
- Get a handicap to help your score

But the big thing is a Mulligan

A mulligan is a second chance to perform an action, usually after the first chance went wrong through bad luck or a blunder. Its best-known meaning is in golf, whereby a player is informally allowed to replay a stroke, even though this is against the formal rules of golf.

- Oops, I messed up...
- I need a do-over

How many other sports allow this?

- You mess up so bad that there's no chance to hit the mark from where you are
- Then someone says, don't worry, I'll give you another shot

The truth is, we all need a Mulligan!!

That's what Jesus was telling a man name Nicodemus:

John 3:3

3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

In our natural state, we can't get to Heaven:

- We've messed up
- Our sin is too great
- We can't hit the mark from where we are...
- Unless we are given a second chance....A Mulligan...

And that's exactly what Jesus does...He gives us a second chance!!

- We get to be "Born Again"
- A spiritual re-birth
- From corruptible to incorruptible
- We call it getting Saved!!!

John 3:16

And how do you get saved (born again)

- **Romans 10:9** that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
- **Romans 10:13** For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

You can become a brand new person with a brand new future!!

Have an everlasting life in Heaven!! With Jesus!!

Wouldn't you love to get a glimpse into Heaven? A Sneak Peek...

- **Jesus said “in My Father’s House there are many mansions...I go to prepare one for you**
- **Walking on streets of gold...**
- **No sorrow, no sickness, no pain, no darkness**
- **Just worshipping in the presence of God!!**

Don't you want to live out the rest of eternity in Heaven when your life here is done?

- **There's only One Way to get there....Jesus!!**

There is only one other option....

- **And that is Hell....**

Hell is described in The Bible as:

- **A burning lake of sulfur**
- **A place of torment**
- **A blazing furnace**
- **A punishment of eternal fire**

Which will you choose?

I want to spend the rest of this time on this Scripture:

Luke 16:19-31

The Rich Man and Lazarus

19 “There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. 20 But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, 21 desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 And

being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 “Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ 25 But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. 26 And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’

27 “Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, 28 for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ 29 Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ 30 And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ 31 But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’

Each person has to make their own decision...

- **But you have to make it before you die....**
- **Do it before it’s too late!!**
- **Once in Hell, there’s no turning back...**

What about how he wanted to get word to his brothers?

- **Once he experienced the reality of Hell, he didn’t want them to suffer the same...**
- **But it was too late to tell them...**

Closing:

Before it’s too late...

- **Have you made you decision of where you will spend eternity?**
- **Who do you know that may be in danger of going to Hell if they died today?**
- **I want you to pray for them and pick up an invitation and give it to them**