

OUR GREATEST PURSUIT

“If we’re poor, we deserve welfare; if we’re rich, we deserve a tax break; if we are workers, we deserve better fringe benefits; if we own Chrysler, we deserve a bail-out; if we are a special interest, we deserve a special hearing.”

-Charles W. Bray III, Deputy Director of the U.S. Internal Communication Agency, *Quote* magazine (Jan. 15, 1981)

Luke 16:19 (NIV) *“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.*

Notice two things:

1). He has a name: Lazarus.

2). He was so hungry.

²² *“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried.*

²³ *In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.*

²⁴ *So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’*

²⁵ *“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’*

²⁷ “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ ²⁹ “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’ ³⁰ “ ‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

QUESTION: What is the greatest pursuit in your life?

Christianity is the greatest way to live and the only way to die!