

First Baptist Church of Hampton
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Sermon Outline Closed Notes:

Sermon Scripture: 1st Peter 3:18 – 19 (GNT)

Message Title: Handling Hell!

Current Context:

- Clearly, we have **conditions** in every village, hamlet, and **suburb** that make people feel like they have **hellhounds** on their trail.
- Some of us have fallen victim to the **erroneous** evangelical theological assumption that adverse **social** conditions and circumstances in people's lives somehow represent the consequence of their **broken** relationship with GOD.
- In addition to the **corporate** hell, there are **personal** hellish situations and conditions as well.
- And because the church has been **distracted** and **disinterested**, because we've started preaching solely, about an otherworldly **faith** and not ground level **freedom**, we have allowed hell to get **comfortable** in the community and in the **church**.
- Jesus declared that the gates of hell shall not **prevail**, but we have opened the gates and made hell feel right at **home**!
- In the text, the **anointed** author declares that Jesus was put to **death** in His human body, but was made alive, while His body lay in the tomb, in the **Spirit** and he set some folks free from a hellish **situation**!
- And so our answer is that we learn to handle hell by **looking** to Jesus!

Relevant Question(s):

- How do we model Jesus and handle hell?

Sermon Observations:

1. You must be **willing** to go to **hell**!
2. You must be **committed** to **RAZE** hell!

Then...

3. You will be able to **get the hell out**!

Calvary Connection:

- “Jump!”
- Jesus sees you when hell **shows** up; He saw that we **needed** a Savior; He saw that hell was **rising**; He saw we needed a **friend**; He saw that we needed a **substitute**; He saw them **nail** His hands; and He saw them **pierce** His side! He died on Friday! He died and hell thought it'd **won**! But early on Sunday morning He got up with all **power** to **handle hell**!

Personal Reflection:

- Reflect on your role in helping to create chaos around your life versus helping to create calm around your life? What keeps you pushing forward through chaos and what helps you stay calm in crises?