

THE TRUTH ABOUT HELL

When a person dies, they will end up in one of two places, Heaven or Hell. Some people believe that Heaven is for all good people and Hell is for all bad people. This is not exactly true. The proper truth found in God's Word is that Heaven is for "saved" people - true believers in Jesus Christ, and Hell is for "unsaved" people - unbelievers in Jesus Christ.

John 3:36 "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

1. Hell is a place for unrepentant sinners.

Many people don't believe in a literal place called HELL and some even dare to suggest that if there was a loving God, "He wouldn't send anyone there." However, the Bible clearly and explicitly teaches that Hell is a literal place where unrepentant sinners go. Jesus said in *Luke 13:3* "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Revelation 21:8 "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

Hell is described in the Bible as a place of torment, fire, suffering, misery and regret. Everyone who goes to Hell will be TORMENTED day and night, without any hope or rest, for all eternity! Hell is a place where there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. *Matthew 13:50* "And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

2. Hell is a place where sinners are justly judged.

Hell is a place where God's judgment will fall on stubborn and unrepentant sinners, which happens after they die. *Hebrews 9:27* "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."

Some might claim, "I'm too good to be sent to Hell." However, this is man's wrong and sinful thinking, for the Bible is clear and says in *Romans 3:12* "there is none that doeth good, no, not one."

Sin is rebellion and disobedience against God and His holy laws. The truth is, we are all guilty of sin and deserve to be sentenced to Hell. We have at some point lied, stolen, and used God's name in vain.

Romans 3:23, 6:23 "For all have sinned" and "the wages of sin is death."

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Just as the Bible teaches about a literal place called Hell, the Bible also presents to us another place called HEAVEN. In contrast to Hell's torment and pain, Heaven is a place of comfort, true peace and rest.

Revelation 21:4 "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

1. Heaven is a place God wants you to go to.

Heaven is a place where God wants you to live with Him for all eternity. God loves you so much that He has no desire to see you judged for your sins, and He absolutely takes no pleasure to see you perish in an eternal Hell.

Because of God's love, He has provided a way of escape and that way is through His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus is the only way to Heaven.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

2000 years ago, God sent His Son from Heaven to earth to die on the cross for our sins. Jesus paid the price for sin with His own blood by dying in our place.

Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Jesus suffered and died and took our punishment for sin, so we do not have to suffer and die in Hell for our sins. *1 Peter 3:18* "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God." When Jesus was resurrected from the grave on the third day, it was proof that God accepted His sacrifice. God was satisfied with the finished work of Christ, and as a result we have been given the opportunity to REPENT!

2. Heaven is a place for saved and forgiven sinners.

Salvation is a FREE GIFT and can only be received by FAITH in Jesus Christ. It is NOT by our own GOOD WORKS! *Ephesians 2:8-9* "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." Salvation is a personal choice we all must make. *Romans 10:13* "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." It is against God's will that you die and go to Hell! God is willing and waiting to save you, but this decision is left with you.

2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is...longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

WHICH WILL YOU CHOOSE?

There are two choices presented to you from the Bible: **Heaven** or **Hell**. For a person to end up in Hell, all they need to do is continue living for themselves, without any thought of God and His salvation. However, if you would like to make Heaven your home, **YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN!**

John 3:3 "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God".

Sinners are born spiritually dead, meaning we have no genuine relationship with God. We need a new birth. This is the miracle by which God makes alive our dead spirit, adopts us as His own children and gives us the gift of ETERNAL LIFE through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

TO BE BORN AGAIN YOU MUST:

1. Admit that you are a sinner. **Romans 3:23** "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." As we have learned already, we are all guilty of breaking God's laws. We are criminals in His eyes. Are you willing to admit you are a sinner?

2. Repent of your sin. Repentance is a change of mind toward God and sin, that results in a changed life. It is being sorry for your sins committed against a Holy God, and surrendering your life to Him. **Acts 3:19** "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out..." Are you willing to repent of your sin?

3. Put your faith in Jesus Christ. Faith is a whole-hearted trust that results in commitment to Jesus Christ. **John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Faith is believing that when Jesus died on the cross, He took upon Himself the punishment of sin for you, so that you can have the forgiveness of sins.

Cry out to God to save you from sin and Hell!

God has left this decision up to you. He will not force anyone to be saved. His offer is freely given, if only you would **REPENT** and **BELIEVE** in the Lord Jesus Christ.



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