

Hell, Is It Worth It?

It is interesting to observe people and where they place the greatest emphasis in life. For some, it is work, family, recreation, politics, sports, religion, anything, and everything but with eternity in view. What it boils down to is that they have no time for God because they are so busy with things in their life. Even religious people are so involved with their religion and the motions of it that God is left out. Sunday is supposed to be the Lord's Day but more and more, one would never know it. There are sports events to attend, boating or other outdoors activities, grass mowing, almost anything imaginable.

Perhaps you have gone to a store to buy something; you look at the product and the price and conclude that it is not worth it. Something you were thinking about buying but, after looking at the price, you said it cost too much. Perhaps it is a credit card purchase and so you try to figure out how long before it is paid off. A vehicle perhaps; how many months or years before it is paid for? These decisions and so many more you must make while all the time asking yourself, is it worth it? "I am willing to pay the price for this?" Many will say that they are not willing to pay the cost and for all that they counted the cost?

Now for a question please. Have you personally repented of sin and trusted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour? The question was not attending church, church membership, religious affiliation or religious order, community service or good works. The question was, "Have you personally repented of sin and trusted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour?" If you have, then that is great! In God's Word, the Bible, we read this about those who have trusted Jesus Christ as Saviour: "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." {1 John 5:13} Only these people will go to Heaven because their names are written in the Lamb's book of life. "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but **they which are written in the Lamb's book of life** [*emphasis added*]." {Revelation 21:27}

Sadly, the Bible has this to say about those who have not repented of sin and trusted Jesus Christ as Saviour. "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." {Revelation 20:15} It is only during the time of your earthly life there is opportunity to repent and trust Jesus Christ; there will **NOT** be any second chance later on because, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:" {Hebrews 9:27} Death beckons when least expected: in no respect of persons or age.

The sin debt of all humanity was settled on the Cross by Jesus Christ, God the Son. We owed a debt we could not pay, and He paid a debt He did not owe. He did on our behalf as He shed His innocent blood and died on our behalf. Jesus was buried and three days later He bodily rose from the grave and today, at this very moment, He is in Heaven. "But after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;" {Hebrews 10:1}

Friend, everything needed for you to be forgiven and eternally saved has been done; what remains is for you to repent of sin and trust Jesus Christ as Saviour. Read God's warning to those who reject Jesus as Saviour, "But the fearful, and **unbelieving** [*emphasis added*], 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." {Revelation 21:8}

The title of this little pamphlet is "Hell, Is It Worth It?" and it poses a question you must answer. The refrain from the song, *What Will You Do With Jesus?* "What will you do with Jesus? Neutral you cannot be; Someday your heart will be asking, "What will He do with me?" My friend, how will you respond to this invitation to repent and trust Jesus Christ as personal Saviour? **Hell, Is It Worth It?**

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