

## The Myth About Hell

Hell means many things to different people. For example, to many it is just a word to be used for swearing. Then there are those who like to use the word in a joke or a story; something to make fun of. Others use it as a description of the life they are now living and the situation they find themselves in. When it comes to hell, there are all sorts of ideas and the way the word is used. In this short pamphlet I would like to address a few myths about hell. Let's hear what God's Word, the Bible, has to say about this.

1. Hell does not exist - but according to God's Word, it does; it is a very real place. Jesus Christ said, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." {Matthew 10:28} "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." {Revelation 1:18} "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;" {2 Peter 2} There are many more references in the Bible that prove there is a hell.
2. Hell has no fire - but according to God's Word, it does. Jesus Christ gave a warning for certain offenses when He said, "And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into **hell fire**." {Matthew 18:9} The rich man who died and went to hell as told by Jesus Christ, "And 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**." {Luke 16:24}
3. Hell will be a place to party - but it will not because of the torment the lost souls will be enduring. Hell is a place of punishment for those who have rejected Jesus Christ as Saviour. Consider, "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment:" {Matthew 25:46a} So many times over the years people have made comments similar to this: "Well, if I do go to hell, a lot of my friends will be there and we'll just have a big party." If they really understand what hell is really like, such a foolish statement would not be made. Hell is where a lost person goes when he dies. A lost person is one who never repented of sin and by faith alone {no works of any kind} in Jesus Christ, received Him as personal Saviour. There will NOT be any parties in hell because those who are there will be in eternal fire. God's Word says, "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever." {Revelation 20:10} "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." {Revelation 20:15} "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." {Revelation 21:8} This is what God's Word tells us about hell and the eternal lake of fire and brimstone so, you see my friend, unsaved people will not be having a party. All of this has been bad news but now, here is some good news for you and, once again, from God's Word.

Consider, if you will, a few Bible verses. "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." {2 Peter 3:9} "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." {Romans 5:8} "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." {Romans 10:13} "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." {John 3:16} "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." {Ephesians 2:8-9} "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:" {1 Peter 1:18} "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 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 5:11-13}

There is much more that could be said but, the point has been made using God's Word. Now the only question that **MUST** be answered is this. What will **YOU** do, will you repent of sin and by faith alone in Jesus Christ and His shed blood, trust Him as your personal Saviour or, will you reject Him and go to a devil's hell? There is no neutral ground on this matter; it must of necessity be one or the other. What will be your answer?

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