

Hell

The word “hell” appears 54 times in the Holy Bible. Hell is clearly defined in your Bible as a place of torment and burning. Only a fool who rejects what he reads would say hell is the grave or only separation from God. If you gave the passages I’m about to give you to a 12 year old boy, he would conclude hell is a place of fire and torment without rest and it goes on and on for ever. Now why is it some educated donkey and the “good, godly, holy, Bible scholars and religious leaders” that don’t resemble the life, speech, or conversation of anyone Christian that you read about in the book of Acts can’t get it but a child can? You think about that for a while.

What some have said about hell:

Billy Graham – The fire is symbolic when Jesus talks about hell fire. He does not believe it is literal fire, but rather he believes the fire could possibly mean a burning thirst for God that is never quenched.

Pope Benedict – Believes in literal hell fire that is eternal

Pope John Paul II – Heaven is not a physical place nor an abstraction, but that fullness with the communion with God. Hell is the ultimate consequence of sin itself. He says hell is not a place, but rather the state of those who freely and definitively separate themselves from God. Hell is symbolic.

People that aren’t “recognized” say it is separation from God, no fire.

And then you have those troublemakers that agree with Jesus and the rest of the testimony contained in the book.

***Purgatory** – An intermediate state between heaven and hell. You burn there until you are pure and then enter into heaven

“The people that are always trying to air condition hell are the ones that are going there.”

- Ruckman

The unsaved and the devil with his angels will be tormented without rest day and night for ever and ever in fire. Hell is not popular in our days and that’s why it is removed from the newer versions of your Bible including the NKJV. That is why most “Christian” churches today won’t mention it because they couldn’t get \$\$\$ and wouldn’t grow like some of them do. One thing I learned, if you want to keep a lot of people, you will need to become like a lot of the people. You will need to give them what they want to hear instead of what God says. No thank you, I won’t be reckoned among that bunch.

This whole mess of “give your life to Jesus” or “make Jesus Lord of your life” doesn’t save you. What saves you is knowing you’re a wicked sinner, in danger of condemnation, and you believe on his name and that he died on the cross FOR YOUR SINS and was buried and rose again the third day according to scripture. That is what saves you! What are you saved from then if you don’t believe in hell? The grave? Both saved and lost people die and go to the grave. I know what I am saved from. I am saved from death, hell, sin, and the grave. Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!

If the sin issue hasn't been dealt with between you and God, I doubt you are saved (John 3:19-21). When you come to God for salvation, you are going to be reproved. If you just go to the Lord and say, "I give you my life", or "I make you Lord of my Life", he isn't interested in that. The only prayer God hears from a sinner is, "Lord be merciful to me a sinner, I'm calling upon you Lord to save me!" He isn't interested in your life until you get saved for many reasons. One of them being that in the flesh you cannot please God: only by the Spirit can you please him and obey him. Other reasons include you are a child of the devil, you are an enemy of God by nature, the wrath of God abides upon you, and your life really isn't worth anything to God apart from his Son. Is that clear?

Now we are about to start our study on the doctrine of hell. Before we start it is interesting to point out that the first time hell appears in your Bible it is connected with burning fire. What you may also find interesting is that Jesus preached about hell A WHOLE LOT!

First appearance is found in the song of Moses in Deuteronomy 32:22. There are different levels to hell; fire is there and it burns; it exists because the anger of the LORD against sin

Where is Hell located?

It is below your feet right now, in the heart of the earth (Isaiah 14:9-15 Psalm 139:8, Proverbs 15:24). Did you know that below your feet are millions and millions and millions of souls crying, screaming, weeping, wailing, and gnashing on their teeth, and begging for a drop of water for their tongue because they are tormented without rest with fire and brimstone and they know they are not getting out? Did you know the only consolation one can find in hell is to think about (which I assume is hard to do because of the torture) one's life on earth (Luke 16:24-25)?

What Hell is like: The Party in Hell has been canceled due to fire

Matthew 8:12, 22:13, 24:51, 25:30, 13:28 There is darkness, weeping and gnashing of teeth

2 Samuel 22:6, Psalm 18:5 There are sorrows in hell

Job 11:8 Hell is deep

Psalm 86:13 Lowest hell

Psalm 116:3 There is pain in hell

James 3:6 Your tongue is set on fire in hell

Isaiah 33:10-17 There is a devouring fire, and everlasting burnings

Matthew 25:41 Everlasting Fire

Revelation 14:9-12, 20:10 You are tormented with fire and brimstone in God's presence

Revelation 21:8 It is a lake of fire and that is the second death

Who goes to hell?

Psalm 9:17, Psalm 55:15 All the wicked and all the nations that forget God

Proverbs 27:20 Hell is never full

Isaiah 5:14 Hell has enlarged herself to make room

Isaiah 14:15 The Devil will go there – he is not there now (Matthew 8:28-29, Revelation 20:10)

Ezekiel 31:16-17 Casted into hell

2 Peter 2:4 The angels that sinned have been cast down to hell, and are chained there until the day of judgment (Revelation 20:11-15)

Isaiah 24:17-23 The angels that have yet to sin and rebel will be shut up in hell

Revelation 11:7, 17:8 The antichrist is right now in the bottomless pit

Revelation 20:15 Whoever is not found in the book of life

Jonah 2:2 – Jonah cried unto the LORD from hell and he heard him and saved him from it. He is the only one beside Jesus Christ who went to hell and came back out of it (Matthew 12:39-40, Acts 2:25-32, Psalm 16:8-11)

Psalm 16:10 The Lord's soul was not left in hell. You ask why did he go there? He went there to take the keys of hell and of death from the devil (Hebrews 2:14-15, Revelation 1:18). After he took the keys, Jesus went to "Abraham's bosom" and said hey boys, I am the Lamb of God which took away the sin of the world. Are you ready to come to the Father's house? Up from the grave he arose! With a mighty triumph o'er his foes! And after his resurrection, many bodies of the saints which slept arose and preached in Jerusalem and testified for 40 days and then ascended up with Jesus into heaven! (Matthew 27:50-53, Acts 1:8-12, Hebrews 12:1)

Jesus has the key of hell and of death! That means Jesus has the power of who dies and goes to hell! If you have trusted the Saviour, you don't have to worry about going there!

What the Lord Jesus Christ said about Hell:

Matthew 5:22 There is fire in hell

Matthew 5:29 He said it is better that some part of your body to perish than for your whole body to be cast into hell. Now listen, if hell is only the grave, annihilation, or separation from God, why would Jesus say this. Don't we all go to the grave no matter what we do? Obviously Jesus is not talking about the grave but something worse.

Matthew 10:28, Luke 12:5 He said to fear God who is able to destroy both body and soul in hell (Isaiah 10:16-18)

Matthew 11:23 Heaven is above, hell is beneath

Matthew 16:18 The gates of hell shall not prevail against the church

Matthew 18:8-9 There is fire in hell and last for ever

Matthew 23:15-33 He said the Pharisees and their converts were children of hell and said to them how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

Mark 9:43, 45 The fire is not quenched and the worm dies not in hell (Isaiah 66:22-24)

The Rich Man in Hell

Luke 16:19-31 You are tormented in the flames of hell, the rich man was able to see Abraham and Lazarus, you call for mercy in hell and don't find it, you ask for only a drop of water (this gives you an idea how hot it is and unbearable), you cannot leave there and no one can come to you, even if they wanted to, you find yourself praying and

hoping that your family members and loved ones are witnessed to, that they don't come into this place of torment. What was the response from Abraham? They have Moses and the prophets: let them hear them. In other words, they have the Bible let them hear what God said to them in the book. Then he argues with Abraham (isn't that silly?), and says if someone rose from the dead they would repent. The response? If they don't hear what the scriptures say (notice tradition, papal bulls – and that's what they are, loaded with bull (!), church councils, and church decrees are not even mentioned!) (see also John 5:39-47) neither will they be persuaded, **THOUGH ONE (JESUS CHRIST) ROSE FROM THE DEAD!**

What are you going to do now? Are you going to warn people about hell? Are you going to tell them God made a way out for them through his Son Jesus Christ? Are you going to tell them to repent of their evil ways and come to Jesus before it's too late? Have you warned your unsaved family and friends about how they are already condemned for their unbelief in Jesus and are headed for hell fire?

They may not like you: that's fine. But at least they cannot say you didn't warn them. You may make many enemies, but at least they were warned.

Aren't you glad someone warned you?