

BIBLICAL HELL

Most people are not comfortable and feel nervous to talk about what the Bible, the Word of God, says about hell. Many pastors do not like to talk about hell because they do not want to upset church members. Do we need to talk about hell? We know that every word Jesus spoke in the Bible is true and is from the Heavenly Father through the Holy Spirit. If we read Jesus' words carefully, we will notice that He spoke more on hell than He spoke on heaven. Just as Peter said that His Word is eternal life, we do need to know about hell, as Jesus wants us to know. Now we look at the Bible for the right explanation of what hell is really like. God uses earth language, not heaven language, to give us a picture of what hell is like. Remember that we cannot fully and perfectly understand what hell is really at all. God wants us to know how terrible hell is and to avoid hell by trusting in Jesus Christ as our personal Savior who gave us the right to go to heaven.

WHAT IS HELL?

Many times people do not have the right understanding of what hell is. They joke a lot and see hell as a great good-time party with all fun-fun.

We look into the Bible's explanation of what hell is:

- eternal separation from God
- eternal night of darkness
- eternal punishment of pain and suffering
- eternal lake of fire
- eternal prison
- eternal proclamation

ETERNAL SEPARATION FROM GOD

- 2 Thessalonians 1:9 - away from His presence
- Matthew 22:13 - ...throw man out into the darkness
- Revelation 22:15 - outside the city (where all believers in Jesus live with God) are dogs (evil people)
- Luke 13:27 - Jesus says to evil people: I do not know you...go away from Me
- Matthew 24:51 - the master (Jesus) will send him away to be with the hypocrites (evil people who act like they are good)
- Matthew 25:46 - evil people will go away...will have punishment forever

ETERNAL NIGHT OF DARKNESS

- Matthew 8:12 – evil people will be thrown outside into the darkness
- Matthew 22:13 – throw man out into the darkness
- Matthew 25:30 – throw that useless man outside, into the darkness...will cry and grind their teeth with pain
- Jude 13 – a place in the blackest darkness has been kept for those (evil) people forever
- 2 Peter 2:17 – a place in the deepest darkness has been kept for the (evil people who teach against the Bible)

ETERNAL PUNISHMENT OF PAIN AND SUFFERING

- Romans 2:9 – God will give trouble and suffering to every person that does evil
- Luke 16:23 – (the rich man) was sent to the place of death and has much pain
- Luke 16:24 – (the rich man is) suffering in this fire
- Matthew 8:12 – cry and grind their teeth with pain
- Matthew 13:50 – the angels will throw evil people into the place of fire where they will cry and grind their teeth with pain
- Galatians 3:10 – are under (God's) curse forever
- Luke 16:27, 28 – (the rich man) wanted someone to warn his 5 brothers about hell (under feeling guilty forever for not listening or paying attention to God's Word when he was alive on earth)
- Revelation 20:10 – will be tortured day and night forever and ever
- Matthew 11:16-24 – people who hear and not believe in the Gospel will be punished much more than people who never heard the Gospel
- Mark 9:48,49 – the worms (conscience) that eat people in hell never die...will be punished with fire

ETERNAL PLACE OF FIRE

- Matthew 25:41 – go into the fire that burns forever...prepared for the devil and his (evil) angels
- Matthew 13:42 – angels will throw those (evil) people into the place of fire
- Matthew 18:8,9 - ...the fire that burns forever
- Jude 7 - ...suffer the punishment of eternal fire

- Mark 9:43,45, 47 – in that place (of hell) fire never stops
- Revelation 19:20 - ...thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur
- Revelation 20:10 - ...thrown into the lake of burning sulfur
- Revelation 21:8 - ...the lake of burning sulfur...the second death
- Matthew 3:12 - ...a fire that cannot be stopped
- Luke 3:17 – ...a fire that cannot be stopped
- Mark 9:48 – in hell the fire is never stopped

ETERNAL PRISON

- Luke 16:26 – a big pit (hole) between you and me (hell and heaven)...no person can cross over...no person can leave there (hell) and come here (heaven)
- Matthew 22:13 – tie this man's hands and feet...throw him out into the darkness

ETERNAL PROCLAMATION

- Philippians 2:10,11 - ...every person to bow for the name of Jesus...every person in heaven, on the earth and under the earth will bow...every person will confess (say), "Jesus Christ is Lord"