

SOME IMPLICATIONS OF HELL

1. WE CANNOT BLAME GOD. He devised a plan to save us before the foundation of the world. Jesus Christ gave His life for us and the Holy Spirit inspired men to write the Bible.

John 8:32: "Know the truth and be free."

The Truth can be known.
God expects me to know the truth.
God expects me to obey the truth.
God expects me to teach-share the truth to others.

2. WE ARE MORAL AND IMMORTAL BEINGS MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE.

I have been made with the ability to choose my destiny.
This is a personal decision which I alone can make.
It is a decision which I am forced to make.
It is the most important decision which I will ever make.
It is a decision which affects my life here and in the hereafter.

I am urged to choose life and live. To walk in the strait and narrow way. I am responsible for my life.

3. IF I AM LOST, I SHALL PROBABLY TAKE SOMEONE TO HELL WITH ME.

It is bad enough to sin. It is more tragic to cause others to sin.

Look how we lead others to sin:

Enticing them to start drinking.

Taking a young girl's virtue away from her or someone's wife - or husband.

By influencing one into a life of crime, shady business deals, putting our trust in materialism. Life of drugs.

Discouraging others in Living The Christian Life.

4. THE LOSS IN HELL IS ACCENTUATED BY THE LOSS OF HEAVEN.
5. HELL IS FINAL - PERSONALITIES NEVER ALTERED.
6. WE NEED TO REALIZE THAT IT IS A PLACE OF NOW RETURN.

7. CONSCIENCE WILL NO LONGER BE DEADENED BY REBELLION CONTINUALLY AGAINST GOD.

My conscience will be keenly alert and will accuse me throughout eternity.

8. A BURNING MEMORY WILL HAUNT ME UNCEASINGLY.

To remember a good family who wanted me to do right.

To remember all the good people who tried to help me.

To remember all the opportunities I had to serve Christ.

To remember all the awful things I thought, I said, and did.

To remember all the opportunities for good I never accepted.

Men will pray ceaselessly in Hell, who never prayed on earth.

9. EVERY MAN CARRIES HIS OWN PASSPORT WITH HIM.

He has the choice of two destinations: Hell or Heaven.

The Road to Heaven Is Well Lighted. (Isaiah 35:8)

“And a highway shall be there, and a road, and it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, shall not go astray.”

CONCLUSION:

Hell is a place of punishment; a place of eternal punishment.

HELL - A PLACE OF ETERNAL PUNISHMENT

Rev. 20:11-15

I. THE FOLLOWING GROUPS DENY THE EXISTENCE OF ETERNAL PUNISHMENT:

1. Jehovah's Witnesses
2. Universalists
3. Unitarians
4. Christian Scientists
5. Seventh Day Adventist
6. Christadelphians
7. Advent Christian Church
8. Life and Advent Union
9. Spiritualists Groups
10. Jewish Groups

A. This Denial of Eternal Punishment Takes Two Main Forms:

- (1) That of Instant Annihilation.
- (2) That of Universal Salvation.

B. They Offer Three Basic Arguments Against Eternal Punishment:

- (1) It is Unreasonable.
- (2) It is Opposed to God.
- (3) It is Unscriptural.

II. TO ANSWER THESE ARGUMENTS, WE WANT TO FIND OUT JUST WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS.

A. In the First Place, the Bible teaches that Hell is a Place.

1. There are three states of Man:

- a. Fleshly
- b. Intermediate - (Hades)
- c. Eternal

2. The Greek Word translated Hell is Gehenna.

Thayer says, 'Gehenna γέεννα the name of a valley on the South and East of Jerusalem which was so called

from the cries of the children who were thrown into the fiery arms of Moloch (i.e., of an idol having the form of a bull). The Jews so abhorred the place after these horrible sacrifices had been abolished by King Josiah (2 Kings 23:10), that they cast into it not only all manner of refuse, but even the dead bodies of animals and of unburied criminals who had been executed. And since fires were always needed to consume the dead bodies, that the air might not become tainted by their petrification, it came to pass that the place was called _____ ~~YEEVVV OY~~ and then this name was transferred to that place in Hades where the wicked after death will suffer punishment.”

3. This Word is found twelve times in the New Testament as Place of Punishment.

- a. Matt. 5:22: “But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell (Gehenna) fire.”
- b. Matt. 5:29: “And if your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into (Gehenna) hell.”
- c. Matt. 5:30: “And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into (Gehenna) hell.”
- d. Matt. 10:28: “And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in (Gehenna) hell.”
- e. Matt. 18:9: “And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into (Gehenna) hell fire.”
- f. Matt. 23:15, 33: “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice

as much a son of (Gehenna) hell as yourselves. ... Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of (Gehenna) hell?"

- g. Mark 9:43: Companion passages to Matt. 5:29-30.
- h. Mark 9:45: Companion passages to Matt. 5:29-30.
- I. Mark 9:47: Companion passages to Matt. 5:29-30.
- j. Luke 12:5: "But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into (Gehenna) hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!"
- k. James 3:6: "And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by (Gehenna) hell."
- l. Rev. 20:14: "Then Death and Hades were cast into (Gehenna) the lake of fire. This is the second death."

(1) Thus, we affirm that the Bible teaches that Hell is a place.

B. In the Second Place, Hell is a Place of Suffering.

- 1. Matt. 22:13: "Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"
- 2. Mark 9:43-44: "And if your hand makes you sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, than having two hands, to go to (Gehenna) hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched -- where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched."
- 3. Matt. 13:42: "And will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."
- 4. Rev. 20:15: "And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."

C. In the Third Place, Hell is a Place of Eternal Suffering.

- 1. The adjective α'λ ω'ρας means "perpetual, never-ending, eternal."

- a. It is used 60 times to designate the continuance of future happiness.
- b. It is used 12 times to designate the continuance of future misery.
 - (1) If it means Eternal, Perpetual, Never-Ending in one place, then it means the same in the other places.
 - (2) CRUX: “We must either admit the ENDLESS misery of hell, or give up the ENDLESS HAPPINESS of heaven.”

EXAMPLES: John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

Rev. 20:10: “And the devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”

III. HELL IS A PREPARED PLACE OF ETERNAL PUNISHMENT FOR:

A. Those Who Obey Not the Gospel.

2 Thess. 1:7-9: “And to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.”

B. The Angels Who Have Sinned.

2 Pet. 2:4: “For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;”

C. Those Not Found Written in the Book of Life.

Rev. 20:15: “And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”

Note: The Apostle Paul suggests that Christians’ names are enrolled in heaven. He says, “But you have come to Mount

Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect.” (Heb. 12:22-23)

D. The Devil - Beast - False Prophet.

Rev. 19:20, 20:10: “Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. ... And the devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”

E. All Hypocrites.

Matt. 23:25, 33: “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithes of mint and anise and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law; justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. ... Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of (Gehenna) hell?”

F. The Unfaithful Christian Will Be Lost.

Matt. 13:41-42: “The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

G. The Catalogue of Sinners Found in Galatians 5:19-21.

“Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

H. The Catalogue of Sinners in Revelation 21:8:

“But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murders, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in

the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

IV. THE REPULSIVENESS OF SIN IN THE SIGHT OF GOD DEMANDS A HELL FOR THE SINNER.

- A. God looks upon Sin as it really exists.
- B. Man seldom stops to think how much God really Hates the Sin in his life.
 - 1. Each of us needs to do some introspective thinking about our lives.
 - a. I shudder when I think of all the weaknesses, inadequacies in my life.

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
That Saved a Wretch Like Me,
I Once Was Lost, But Now I’m Found,
Was Blind, But Now I See.”

HELL: IS SEPARATION FROM GOD

INTRODUCTION:

1. Hell is a place of **WASTEFULNESS**.
2. Hell is a place of **HOPELESSNESS**.
3. Hell is a place of **SINFULNESS**.
4. Hell is a place of **LONELINESS**.
5. Hell is a place of **ENDLESSNESS**.

I. A WASTED LIFE IS A SAD SPECTACLE.

A. Gehenna was a place where trash was thrown.

1. Disobeying God's laws make for a trashy person.
2. Hell begins now when God's laws are ignored.
 - a. Rom. 1:18,26,28. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness," . . .

"For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature."

"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;"

3. Five Foolish Virgins let light go out.

II. HELL IS A PLACE WHERE HOPE IS GONE.

A. Life is made more pleasant with hope.

B. Hope brightens our lives - keeps us going.

1. 1 Cor. 15:19. "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable."

2. Eph. 2:12. "That at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world."
- C. Hope transforms defeat into victory.
 - D. Anyone without God has to be without hope.
 - E. TOO LATE - Hope is Gone.

III. HELL IS A PLACE OF SINFULNESS.

- A. Sin brings unhappiness - destructiveness, pain now.
- B. Hell is to be filled with Sinners.
- C. HELL IS A PLACE:
 1. Of Self-Loathing.
 2. Of Self-Condensation.
 3. Of Misery.
 4. Of No Escape.

IV. HELL IS A PLACE OF LONELINESS.

- A. The Rich Man in Hades sensed loneliness.
 1. Hell will be filled with people who felt self-sufficient - Did not need God.
 - a. No place to escape from - nor to escape to.
- B. Aloneness does not make for happiness.
- C. A place of complete helplessness.

NOTE: Will the Devil-Satan help me there?

V. HELL IS A PLACE OF ENDLESSNESS.

- A. Hell is separation from God.

1. Rev. 19:3. "Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!"
 2. Rev. 20:10. "The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.
- B. Hell is an isolation ward.
1. Being shut up with oneself is extremely painful.
- C. Separated from God - What an awful thought - but associating with Seum.
1. Matt. 25:41,46. "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:'"

"And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."
 2. Luke 13:27. "But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.'"
 3. Matt. 8:12. "But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."
 4. Rev. 21:8. "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."
 5. Rev. 22:15. "But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie."
 6. 2 Thess. 1:9. "These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power."
 7. Mark 7:20-23. And he said, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil

eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

- D. How can we describe total isolation?
 - 1. From family, friends.
 - 2. To be shut up alone.
 - a. To be tortured by memory.
- E. Unsaved people cannot cast their cares on the Lord.
- F. Meaningless existence in Hell - A place of endless frustration.

VI. HELL IS THE FINAL PENALTY FOR SIN.

- A. Sin destroys relationships.
- B. A place for the selfish.
 - 1. James 4:1-2. "Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask."
- C. **HELL: A PLACE WITHOUT GOD.**
- D. Every person in Hell will have chosen to go there.
 - 1. They can't blame God.
 - 2. They can't blame Christ.
 - 3. They can't blame the Holy Spirit.
 - 4. They can't blame great Christians of yesteryears.
 - 5. They can't blame a family who loved them.
 - 6. They can't blame a church which reached out its arms.

NOTE: MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON THE CHURCH THAT IS COLD, INDIFFERENT - HAS NO PROGRAM TO HELP PEOPLE MISS HELL AND GAIN HEAVEN.

CONCLUSION:

A. The faithful Christian cannot lose.

1. Isa. 1:18. "Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool."
2. 1 John 1:7-10. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us."
3. 1 John 2:1-2. "My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world."
4. 1 John 2:15-17. "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - is not of the Father but is of the world."