

Is Hell Really Happening?

The eternal torment you don't want for yourself or anyone Chris Mueller 6-20-2021

Introduction:

#1 All genuine Christians _____ in Hell

1st Because the Bible _____ a literal Hell

Luke 16:22-24 "The rich man...died and was buried. In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.'"

Matthew 10:28 Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matthew 25:41 Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels.

Revelation 20:15 If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

2 Thessalonians 1:7b-8 the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. **9** These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.

2nd Because God's _____ demands a Hell

God's love demands Hell

God's justice insists on Hell

3rd Because the _____ presupposes Hell

#2 The _____ of eternal Hell

Matthew 25:30 Cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Luke 16:28 Lest they also come to this PLACE of torment.

SHEOL – **Psalm 139:8** If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.

John MacArthur: "The Hebrew term Sheol is found 65 times in the OT. Depending on the context, the term is translated as grave, pit or hell. In general, Sheol refers to the abode of the dead."

TARTARUS – **2 Peter 2:4** For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment.

ABYSS – **Luke 8:31** ...were imploring Him not to command them to go away into the abyss.

HADES – **Luke 16 23** In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment...I am in agony in this flame.

Matthew 11:23 And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will descend to Hades.

Revelation 20:13-14 Death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged. every one of them according to their deeds. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire.

GEHENNA – **Matthew 5:22** Whoever says, 'You fool,' shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.

Matthew 23:33 You serpents...how will you escape the sentence of hell?

Mark 9:43 If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life crippled, than, having your two hands, to go into hell, into the unquenchable fire.

Revelation 20:15 If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of FIRE.

#3 _____ is the doorway to Hell

Hebrews 9:27 ...it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment.

Daniel 12:2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.

John 5:29 Come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

- 1 PHYSICAL
- 2 SPIRITUAL
- 3 ETERNAL

Revelation 20:14b This is the second death, the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power.

2 Corinthians 6:2 Behold, now is "the acceptable time," behold, now is "the day of salvation."

#4 The experience of Hell is _____

Matthew 25:46 *These will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.*

Revelation 14:11 *The smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.*

Revelation 14:10 *He himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.*

Weeping and Gnashing of Teeth **Acts 7:51-56**

Matthew 13:42 *Jesus will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

Outer Darkness **Matthew 8:12** *But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness.*

Matthew 25:30 *Cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness.*

A Condemning Conscience **Hebrews 9:14** *Cleanse your conscience.*

Hebrews 10:22 *...an evil conscience.*

Romans 2:15 *...an accusing conscience.*

Degrees of Punishment in Hell **Revelation 18:7-8** *In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow...for strong is the Lord God who judges her.*

Romans 2:5 *But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God.*

Matthew 11:22-24 *But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you.*

Luke 20:47 *Who devour widows' houses, and for appearance's sake offer long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation.*

Wayne Grudem: *"Every wrong deed done will be remembered and taken into account, in the punishment meted out."*

Matthew 12:36 *Every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment.*

Ecclesiastes 12:14 *God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.*

Romans 2:16 *According to my Gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.*

Luke 12:2-3 *There is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known. Accordingly, whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in the inner rooms will be proclaimed upon the housetops.*

#5 The duration of Hell is _____

Matthew 25:46 *And these will go away into everlasting punishment.*

Revelation 14:11 *And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night.*

Mark 9:43, 48 *If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched...where 'Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched.'*

Universalism - Matthew 12:32 *...will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.*

Annihilationism - Matthew 10:28 *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 hell.*

2 Thessalonians 1:9 *These shall be punished with everlasting destruction.*

Purgatory - Hebrews 9:27 *As it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.*

1 Thessalonians 4:13 *Have no hope.*

#6 The only rescue from Hell is found in _____

Matthew 27:45-46 *From the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"*

Matthew 26:38-39 *Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me." He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."*

TAKE HOME:

*A study of Hell from the scriptures will _____ you

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QUESTIONS and PROJECTS for GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. Why is the study of the truth of a physical hell for the punishment of unbelievers so controversial for believers?
2. What should the study of Hell produce in your life, attitudinally and in action?
3. Does the truth that there are degrees of punishment in Hell make any difference in our thinking or our lives?
4. How do you talk to others about the truth of eternal Hell?
5. Why is Hell discussed in such a graphic way—gnashing teeth, darkness, flames, a condemning conscious?
6. What kind of truth do we learn about God from the reality of Hell?
7. What changes do you need to make in your life this week, in order to honor the truth of Hell?



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