

**THEME: Doctrine of Hell – Who Goes To Hell? (3 of 6)**

When we talk about who goes to Hell, we do not want to talk about what is and is not “fair.” If God goes by what is “fair,” then we all go to Hell and His son stays in heaven and never has to die for sins He did not commit. Nor do we talk about what we feel is “right” or “wrong.” Nor do we bring into the equation our views of self-evident truths. God does not do what we believe, rather, by faith we believe what God does, as revealed in His holy, eternal, inerrant Word. God’s actions concerning Hell are not judged by our values. We submit and adjust our values to God’s values as revealed to us in His holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word. This issue of who goes to Hell and who does not is a hot topic in both the world and the church today.

**Non-Christians**

From my earliest experiences in personal evangelism, from back in my High School and University days until now, I continually hear the same statement by non-Christians – “I don’t believe a loving God would send anyone to Hell.” Of course, what we believe God will or will not do is of little consequence. God does not do what we believe, rather He does His good and holy will as revealed in His holy, eternal, inerrant Word. If God’s Word says that a loving God sends men to an eternity in Hell, then this is not a contradictory statement. The flaw is in our sinful values, not in the character of God.

**Skeptic**

The skeptic, whether non-Christian or Christian, challenges us with prideful sarcasm - “You are not saying you are right and everyone else is wrong are you? You are not actually saying that only Christians are in heaven and that everyone else is in Hell?”. The answer to this statement is not found in what any Christian may say, whether “Yes” or “No,” but in the eternal, inerrant, written Word of God. Non-Christians are neither condemned to Hell nor delivered from Hell based on anyone’s beliefs. The answer is found in the God of Heaven who pardons or condemns based upon His good and holy will.

Then there are **the liberal and confused pastors and theologians of our day.**

Rob Bell’s book *Love Wins*, in which he questions openly whether good men like Ghandi will go to Hell and, in fact, questions the literalness of Hell, is burning up the bookshelves. Megachurch pastor, Joel Osteen, is openly questioning on secular talk radio, such as the Larry King Show, as to whether intensely spiritual and good Hindus go to Hell. One-time conservative Anglican theologian and pastor, John Stott, now announces that there is no Hell in terms of an eternal judgment but chooses the position of the Annihilationist – that non-Christians simply cease to exist after death. In fact, the belief in Hell is slowly becoming viewed as a cultic dysfunction. This is evidenced by the appearance of this question on a commercial pilot’s personality test – “Do you believe in a literal Hell?”.

Who does go to Hell? The answer to this question can only be found in the Word of God. The Word of God speaks so clearly and so often to this subject that the Christian will be left with only two alternatives: to believe what the Bible says about Hell, or, to reject what the Bible says about Hell. The problem with the second alternative is that the teachings in the Bible on Hell are inseparable from the teachings of the Bible on Heaven, Jesus, Salvation and God. One may, as liberals and those in denial do, reject Hell while clinging to Heaven, Jesus, Salvation and God but to do this is to commit intellectual suicide. For one to be consistent He must accept these doctrines as a package deal.

It is the author’s hope that in the following study you will submit your emotions, convictions and values to the eternal, inerrant, written Word of God, and that you will allow God’s holy Word to judge you and that you will not find yourselves judging the statements of God the Holy Spirit as given to us in His Word.

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Matthew 8:28 & 29**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Matthew 13:36 – 43**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Matthew 13:47 – 50**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: John 3:18 & 19**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: John 5:19 – 32**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Colossians 3:1 – 8**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: II Peter 3:1 – 16 (7 -9)**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Jude 1:6, 7, 25**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: 2 Peter 2:2-10**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Revelation 20:1 – 10**

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**PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Revelation 20:11 – 15**

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