

THEME: Doctrine of Hell – Our Application (6 of 6)

In 1979 my father entered an eternity in Hell. What is my application to this horrible truth? Gene Warr, a Christian businessman of whom Billy Graham said was the most effective lay evangelist of the 20 Century, presented this decision making model: Get The Facts; Face The Facts; Make A Decision; Do Something. When we not only get the facts concerning Hell, but face the hard cold facts that many of our dearest loved ones, friends and family are burning in Hell, that many millions all over the world are tumbling daily into Hell, when we face those facts, what is our decision, what would God have us do?

Get The Facts: The Bible teaches that there is a literal Hell, literal fire, literal screams of agony, this is eternal, this is carried out by God in the presence of Jesus and the holy angels. There is only one escape for this universal fate of all mankind – that is to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. The most educated businessman in the modern western city and the most ignorant shepherd in the mountains of Tibet face the same fate. There is no exception.

Face The Facts: My experience when I shared with Christians that my father is in Hell was at first very startling. The universal response is, “Surely not!”. I think it is very hard for modern Christians to accept the reality of Hell. The fact that millions are heading for an eternity of screaming in agony in a burning Hell has ramifications – both to them and of God, which they are not willing to accept. We all love the wonderful hymn of the saved, Amazing Grace whose final stanza proclaims

When we've been there 10,000 years bright shining as the sun

We no less days to sing God's praise, than when we first begun

But few Christians face the facts concerning the anthem of the damned

When we've been there 10,000 years burning as if in the center of the sun

We've no less days to scream in again, than when we first begun

Make A Decision: The compelling truth of Hell forces upon all Christians a decision. That decision is to share the gospel. To give a clear presentation of the gospel followed by the earnest appeal, “Would you like to pray right now to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?”. Earthly good works are of no value if the one to whom you are ministering to in this life spends eternity burning in Hell in the next.

Do Something: Begin to share Christ as if the result of the decision was not a lower quality of life but rather an eternity burning and screaming in agony in the fires of Hell. One of the driving forces in evangelism for me is the doctrine of Hell. We do not plead for people to come to Christ to better their lives. We do not beg people to repent so they may experience health, wealth and prosperity. We do not suffer shame, sarcasm and persecution on behalf of others because they are missing out on all the fun they can have as Christians. No, we relentlessly witness, plead, beg and suffer for others because if they do not receive Christ they face nothing less than an eternity screaming in agony amidst the fires of Hell.

It is my hope that your application to the reality of Hell will be that of God the Holy Spirit. That during the course of the Daily Quiet Times Alone With God on the topic of Hell -

Your have gotten the facts, you have been willing to face these facts and now you are going to make decisions based on these facts and do something about them. In this case that something will be as Paul stated in 2 Corinthians 5:20 “ *Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*”

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Romans 5:1 - 10

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Hebrews 9:27 & 28

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: I John 4:17 & 18; Romans 8:1; John 5:24

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Revelation 14:6 & 7

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