

## Why was Hell Created?

First, let's take a look at the character of God. I know there will be a few people who say, "There is no God." Please, bear with me to the end.

God has many facets to His character. He is holy, righteous, just and loving, to name only a few.

### Holiness

*You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, And cannot look on wickedness. (Hab 1:13)*

*For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity. (Psa 5:4-5)*

### Righteousness and Justice

*For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright. (Psa 11:7)*

*But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, And God who is holy shall be hallowed in righteousness. (Isa 5:16)*

*God is a just judge, And God is angry with the wicked every day. If he does not turn back, He will sharpen His sword; He bends His bow and makes it ready. (Psa 7:11-12)*

Because God is holy, righteous and just, He cannot let sin go unpunished. Therefore, there needed to be a place of punishment for those who sin against Him. This is why God created Hell.

### Are You Good Enough to go to Heaven?

Many people think they are not bad enough to deserve to go to Hell and that God will let them into Heaven because their good deeds outweigh the bad.

Have you considered how God looks at you? Ever wonder if you are good enough to go to Heaven?

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. (Rom 3:23)*

*But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags (Isa 64:6)*

*"For God commanded, saying, 'HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.'" (Mat 15:4)*

*"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment." (Mat 5:21-22)*

*"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.' But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart." (Mat 5:27-28)*

*"'YOU SHALL NOT STEAL,' 'YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS,'" (Mat 19:18)*

*For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. (Jam2:10)*

*For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT CONTINUE IN ALL THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO DO THEM." (Gal 3:10)*

Would you honestly consider yourself to be a good person in the eyes of God?

### What is Hell Like?

Often, people joke about being in Hell. Let's look and see what Hell is really like.

### Who is Hell Created For

Originally, Hell was created for Satan and the angels who did not want to follow God.

*Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: (Mat 25:41)*

### Weeping and Gnashing of Teeth

*There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you*

*yourself thrust out. (Luke 13:28)*

To weep is to sob or wail aloud. Gnashing of teeth is grating of the teeth. It's used to show extreme anguish and utter despair of men consigned to eternal punishment.

### Furnace of Fire

*And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. (Luke 16:24)*

*And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. (Mat 13:42)*

Part of the cause of the wailing and gnashing of teeth is the burning of the person in Hell.

### A Place of Darkness

*Shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Mat 8:12)*

People can usually endure a few days of total darkness before they go insane.

### A Bottomless Pit

*And cast him into the bottomless pit. (Rev 20:3)*

If someone is thrown into a pit, they will have the sensation of falling in their stomach.

### Where the Worm Never Dies

*Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. (Mark 9:48)*

### How Long?

*And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night. (Rev 14:11)*

Forever sounds like a long time to be tormented.

Science has studied the human body for years and has always wondered why we sleep and age. Our bodies are designed to regenerate themselves over and over. It seems that this process will be perfect in eternity.

This is a place I would not want to see ANYONE go to. The person that gave this to you does not want to

see you end up there either.

### How can Hell be Real?

What we need to see is if the Bible is reliable to determine if Hell is real.

There have been numerous people, including scientists and lawyers, that have set out to disprove the Bible and its claims. But the Bible stands on a foundation so strong that it is five fold.

**Historical evidence** such as ancient literature, business records, government documents, geography and more all support the Bible.

**Scientific accuracy** of the Bible is amazing! All of it was written more than 1,900 years ago. In the last 100 years, we have made more discoveries confirming the scientific accuracy of the Bible.

**Manuscript evidence** of the Bible far surpasses any other ancient book on the planet with 24,000 manuscripts. Most are dated within 100 to 300 years of their writing. Other writings that come close are Plato with 7 copies with a 1,200 year gap, Tacitus with 20 copies and a 1,000 year gap.

**Archeological evidence** abounds! At first, archeologists would find something in Israel and then see where it matched up to the Bible. Later, it became, look at the Bible to see where to find something, and there it would be! Now, there is an entire Bible dedicated to archeological evidence.

**Fulfilled prophecy** numbers in hundreds. Over 300 prophecies were fulfilled in Jesus' first coming!

So, can we say that the Bible would be reliable in telling us what Hell would be like? I would say yes.

### The Great Dilemma

How can a holy, righteous and just God receive those who have sinned against His holy law?

### God's Motivation: Love

*God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live*

through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation [appeasement] for our sins. (1Jn 4:8-10)

### **The Cross of Christ: Payment for Our Sin**

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. (Rom 3:23-26)

### **Acceptance of the Payment: The Resurrection**

Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification. (Rom 4:24-25)

### **What Should Man's Response Be?**

Repentance begins with recognizing your own sin against God and His Commandments. It is also agreeing with God that we have sinned against Him.

*For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight— That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge. (Psa 51:4)*

Real recognition of one's sinfulness and guilt will lead to genuine sorrow, shame and even hatred for one's sins against God.

*For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. (Rom 7:15)*

*O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me*

*from this body of death? (Rom 7:24)*

What are the signs of genuine repentance? Apparent sincerity of confession alone is never definite evidence. It must be accompanied by a turning away from sin and turning to the things of God.

*"Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow. (Isaiah 1:16-17)*

*And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. (Matthew 3:10)*

### **What is Faith?**

*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1)*

*And being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. (Romans 4:21)*

### **Faith is Based on the Promises of God**

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. (John 3:16)

*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved. (Acts 16:31)*

Fortunately, we don't have to have blind faith. The Bible can be proven historically, scientifically, through archeology, accurate prophecy, and manuscript evidence.

### **Example of a Believer**

Man's purpose is to glorify God.

So that God may be glorified in all things. (1 Peter 4:11)

*Worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. (Philippians 3:3)*

### **Basis of Genuine Assurance**

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. (2 Corinthians 5:17)*

A true Christian is a new creation and will live a life that reflects God's radical work of re-creation in his/her life.

*You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles? (Matthew 7:16)*

Assurance is based upon self-examination in the light of Scripture. Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you unless indeed you fail the test?

*These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God. (1 John 5:13)*

### **Test of Biblical Assurance**

*Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. (2 Corinthians 13:5)*

How can one be assured that he is saved and going to Heaven? Look up these verses. Ask yourself if you see God changing you into what these verses say a Christian is. Test yourself and see if you are in Him (Galatians).

1 John 1:5-7. 1 John 1:8-10. 1 John 2:3-4. 1 John 2:9-11, 3:14. Matthew 6:7. 1 John 2:15-17. 1 John 2:24-25. 1 John 3:10. 1 John 4:13. Hebrews 12:5-8. Acts 2:42, Hebrews 10:25. Luke 10:2, 1 Corinthians 9:16. Galatians 5:22-23. Romans 6:17, 2 Timothy 1:3

Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to confirm these things in your life or to bring them into your life so that you will be assured of your salvation.

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# Hell: What is it and why was it created?

Have you ever asked yourself either of these questions?

“What is Hell?” Or “Why was it created?”

I want to answer these questions and a few more you might have considered or would come up with in this discussion.

Please, take a few minutes to read this.

The person who gave this to you really cares for you and where you will spend eternity.