

WHO GOES TO HELL?



THE LIE CHRISTIANS BELIEVE...

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Two Christians were listening to the comforting words being spoken to a bereaved widow. “Your husband was a good man and now he’s in heaven” said one comforter. The first Christian thought to himself, “Yes, he *was* a good man. He was always friendly, never said a bad word about anyone and was generous more than most. Although he never professed to be a Christian or spoke a word concerning faith in God, surely God would welcome him into His kingdom.” The second Christian thought to himself, “I really liked him. He was a good friend. It is sad that he will burn in hell for eternity because he did not receive the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.”

Which Christian do you agree with? They are both mistaken.

Two Christians were discussing the premature death of a baby born to an unbelieving mother. The first Christian said, “I believe that babies are born innocent and that God would not send an innocent baby to hell for eternity before it was old enough to understand and believe.” The second Christian replied, “Jesus was quite clear when He said, ‘No man comes to the Father but by Me. You must be born again’. Sadly, the baby is going to hell.”

Which Christian do you agree with? They are both mistaken.

A Christian was witnessing to a homosexual and an adulterer who were both unbelievers. The Christian said, “If you don’t repent of your sins and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, you will both burn in hell for eternity.”

Do you believe this is true? If so, you are mistaken.

A preacher said to his congregation, “Now that we are born again, we are guaranteed a place in the kingdom of heaven. God has saved us from hell through His beloved Son Jesus and we will be together with Him in heaven for eternity”, by which the congregation was reassured and comforted.

Do you believe this is true? If so, you are mistaken.

Jesus did not save us from eternity in HELL.

In fact, it is only by *receiving* Jesus as Savior that makes it possible for us to live eternally so as to be *alive* in hell forever. Jesus “*saves*” Christians from the curse of death that Adam brought upon the world through his sin. Jesus gives us new life in Him that is eternal. Once having received eternal life, God expects us to live in a way (that He clearly defines and empowers us with His Holy Spirit) so that we will bear fruit and demonstrate that we are His children.

God gave us free will. He will never take that away. Born-again Christians will either follow after Jesus and enter His kingdom after the final judgment or seek to follow their own ways that lead to the final judgment of eternity in HELL. Those who do not receive eternal life from Jesus will perish under the judgment of Adam’s sin. They will not be raised up on the last day for they are mortal. They will simply perish like the animals having no eternal spirit and only mortal life. An animal has only a mortal life and is flesh *only*. It is conscious, feels, thinks, has instincts, bears and cares for its young but when it dies, it returns to dust, having no eternal life. It perishes.

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

This writing is a last days’ message to the church. Jesus is about to return for His bride who will have “made herself ready”. She will be “without spot or wrinkle”. Will Jesus be coming for you? Or will you hear Him say, “Depart from Me. I never knew you.”

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It Started in the Garden

God had forbidden Adam and Eve to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁷but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, **for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.**" (Genesis 2:17)

Adam and Eve ate from that tree. Did they die *that day*?

¹⁹By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return."...

...²²Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and **take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever**"—

²³therefore the LORD God sent him out from the Garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken.

²⁴So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to **guard the way to the tree of life.**

It would seem that Adam and Eve did not die *that day*. In fact, they did. The spiritual/relational life that they had with God, ended that day. As in the parable of the "Prodigal Son", they were "dead" as far as God was concerned though they "lived" in the natural. From that day forward, they were "dead" in sin, forever cut off from eternal life with God. They lived on only in the "natural" realm (the flesh), and later died and returned to dust. They had not yet eaten from the "tree of life" so as to live eternally (ever-lasting, lasting forever), and God blocked the way so that they couldn't. They bore children who had the same life from their parents, *natural life* only. As stated previously, an animal has only a natural life and is flesh *only*. It is conscious, feels, thinks, has instincts, bears and cares for its young but when it dies, it returns to dust, having no eternal life. It perishes.

Everyone born from the day Adam and Eve “died” were born under the curse of the law. They were born “dead” to God, not having eternal life in themselves nor a way to gain access to Him. What was needed to restore them to the previous position was a way back through a blood **covenant** with God. Whether a man was “good” or “evil” made no difference apart from a covenant. “In Adam, all died.” (1 Corinthians 15:22)

NOTE: There was no mention of an eternal punishment of burning in Hell forever and ever. If God has established a law and defined a penalty for disobedience, He would be unrighteous to later, after the law had been violated, to add an extreme, eternal penalty that He never mentioned prior to the violation.

The New Birth

Leaping ahead to when Jesus was explaining the nature of being “born again into the Spirit” and how it relates to the judgment that fell on mankind from Adam...

John 3:1:21

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews;

²this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

³Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

⁴Nicodemus said* to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?”

⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

⁶“That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

...¹⁴“As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up;

¹⁵so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

¹⁷“For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

¹⁸“He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

¹⁹“This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

²⁰“For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

²¹“But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”

In verse 3 Jesus said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Unless you are born again you cannot see the kingdom of God.

In verse 5 He says, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Unless one is born again he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

⁶“That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

To be “born in the flesh” is to be born as Adam’s children were born, born without a spirit, born like an animal, alive in every way except spiritually/relationally to God. Being “born of the Spirit” is to be born into eternal life, being made alive to God in the same way that Adam “died” to God, only more so. Adam would have had to have eaten from the “tree of life” to gain eternal life. When we are born again, we *have been given* eternal life. We pass from death to EVER-LASTING life.

Unless a baby is born from the womb, it cannot see or enter the “kingdom” of this world. That’s obvious. It should be equally obvious that unless one is “born of the Spirit” he cannot see or enter the kingdom of God.

In order to be born again, we must be redeemed from the curse of death we inherited from Adam. In order to be redeemed we must have someone who is not dead in Adam take our place in God’s judgment of death and give us his position of life.

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¹⁵so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

To be born again, we simply have to believe that God’s judgment of death has fallen to us and that Jesus is our redeemer that God has accepted in our place and that our sins are forgiven by his sacrifice.

From the point that we believe and receive forgiveness of our sins through Jesus, we are born into the Spirit, have eternal life, and will live forever. We will not *perish* like an animal and return to dust like Adam. We now have “an imperishable seed” within us that cannot die. It is spiritual life, and it is eternal.

Now that we have been born again, we have escaped the judgment on the world that has fallen to everyone born since Adam.

¹⁷“For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

¹⁸“He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

If we believe in Jesus as our savior, therefore, *WE ARE NOT JUDGED*. He who does not believe in the Savior *HAS BEEN JUDGED ALREADY*. Why? Because he didn’t believe in the only begotten Son of God. He did not, for whatever reason, recognize his need for a Savior to redeem him from his fallen position.

¹⁹“This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

²⁰“For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

The judgment of “death” has already been given. We can escape the judgment by coming to the light (Jesus) and live or remain in darkness (sin) and live under the judgment of death. If we fail to receive the new eternal life that only Christ can give, then we will experience death, perish like an animal, and return to the dust.

At first, Jesus is saying that unless we are born again, we cannot see or enter the “kingdom of heaven”. Next, He is saying that if we believe in Him we will not “perish” but have “eternal life”.

There is an enormous difference between having eternal life and entering the Kingdom of heaven.

We have wrongly assumed that having eternal life has the same meaning as entering into the kingdom of heaven. Being born again has caused us to have an eternal life that will never perish. The judgment on the world was that all who had not received eternal life would *perish*. There is no further judgment on the world. They, without eternal life, perish like the animals.

In mortal man, in whom there is no salvation. His spirit departs, he returns to the earth; In that very day his *thoughts perish*. (Psalm 146:4)

In mortal man, *in whom there is no salvation* (a man who has *not* been born again into the Spirit), even his *thoughts* perish. Like an animal, his *consciousness* ceases.

Here's the heart of the matter...

If “a mortal man, in whom there is no salvation” returns to dust and even his thoughts perish, who goes to hell?

Hell is described as an eternal habitation. It will never end, forever and ever, for eternity. To live in hell for eternity, I must have eternal life.

To receive eternal life, Jesus said, “you must be born of the Spirit”. Once you are alive spiritually, you are alive *eternally*. Once you are alive eternally, you will live eternally in heaven or in hell.

God made a covenant through Jesus with the whole world. He sent His Son to take our punishment, and shed His blood to give us new, ever-lasting, eternal life. Anyone who accepted this covenant with God received eternal life, having been “bought” back from the judgment of death (perishing) that befalls all who refuse to receive His sacrifice.

Those who do not receive his sacrifice “have been judged *already*”. They are not raised from the dead to receive an *eternal* punishment in hell. They live their life and then they *perish*. The day they die even their *thoughts* (consciousness) perishes.

The rest of this writing will support this revelation:

1. Man, those who do not enter into covenant relationship with God, all die as a result of the curse Adam brought on the whole world. He will perish like an animal and return to the dust. No consciousness, no eternal habitation, no hell, no further judgment beyond death. They are “judged already” according to Jesus.
2. Those that have entered into *covenant* relationship with God, either through the old covenant of Abraham (and fulfilled by Jesus) or the new covenant through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, have been freely given ever-lasting, eternal life that will never end or be taken away.
3. Those who have received eternal life will either enter the kingdom of God or go to hell based on the final judgment that takes place on the last day. On the last day, only those who are alive to God, having been born into the spirit, will be present.
4. The judgment will be based on God’s expectation that *His* people have a relationship with His Son Jesus, obeying Him, having faith in Him, repenting of sin and bearing “fruit” in demonstration of thankfulness and recognition of what has been done for them. Thus, they will be “counted worthy” to enter the kingdom of heaven...Or...

⁴ Therefore, among God’s churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring. ⁵ All this is evidence that God’s judgment is right, and ***as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God***, for which you are suffering. (2 Thess 1:5)

Perishable vs. Imperishable

⁵⁰ Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, “DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory. ⁵⁵ O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?” ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; ⁵⁷ but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 15)

Examine what is being said...

⁵⁰ Now I say this, **brethren**, that flesh and blood cannot **inherit** the kingdom of God; nor does the **perishable inherit the imperishable**.

Paul is speaking to “**brethren**”- believers. He is telling us that “flesh and blood”, unbelievers, those who have not received **eternal, imperishable** life from Christ, cannot obtain an “inheritance” of the kingdom of God.

Flesh and blood, the mortal body and its conscious existence, are “perishable”. An animal is mortal. Its existence in “mortality” includes consciousness and the life force that animates it. It is not merely a blob of meat, bones and blood. It is a “being” that lives in the physical world that will one day “perish” **entirely**.

Definition:

Perish-

1. to destroy
 1. to put out of the way **entirely**, abolish, **put an end to**, ruin
 2. render useless
 3. to kill

4. to declare that one must be put to death
5. to perish, to be lost, ruined, destroyed

The KJV translates Strong's G622 in the following manner: perish (33x), destroy (26x), lose (22x), be lost (5x), lost (4x), *misc* (2x).

Paul continues...

⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and **the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.**

Is Paul including the “the dead” who have not received eternal life in Christ? No. In the same sentence he clarifies and says, “**and**” will be changed. He is referring to the dead “in Christ”.

⁵³ For this perishable must put on the *imperishable*, and this *mortal must put on immortality*.

Definition: Immortality: Incorruption; an Imperishable state.

An “imperishable state” of being is an *eternal* state of being. That which was *not eternal*, will put on the *eternal*. Otherwise, Paul is saying that all the dead, those in covenant through Christ, and those who are not, will be given an eternal state of being; *eternal* life.

⁵⁴ But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, “DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in **victory**. ⁵⁵ O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?”

Jesus Christ achieved “victory” over death for those who accepted His sacrifice and will resurrected and receive His promised “imperishable”, eternal life. Those who have not accepted His sacrifice, “have been judged already”, according to Jesus...

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

¹⁷“For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

¹⁸“He who believes in Him is not judged; *he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*”

The “sting of death” will not be “swallowed up in victory” for those who do not come to Christ. They have been “judged already” by the curse of death that Adam brought into the world.

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; ⁵⁷ but thanks be to God, *who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.* (1 Cor 15)

Does God give everyone the victory over death? No!

God gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

“ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS”

²² Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, ²³ for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For,

“ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS,
AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS.
THE GRASS WITHERS,
AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF,
²⁵ BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER.”

And this is the word which was preached to you. (1 Peter)

We don’t think like God thinks.

“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:9)

We really don’t accept the fact that God looks at “all flesh” like “grass”. *Grass perishes entirely*. We have no problem with that. However, when it comes to “flesh”, people, we do not accept that they perish, are utterly destroyed, and are no more as the definition of “perish” defines itself. Not being able to bear the thought of people going back to the dust and no further existence, we redefine the

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