

Hell and How to be Saved From It

The greatest authority who ever lived was the PRECIOUS Lord Jesus Christ. Among other important issues, he often spoke of a place *beyond the grave* that is most horrifying - **far worse than the most disturbing and terrifying nightmare.**

The Lord Jesus Christ wants all people to know: Hell was prepared for the devil and his angels (Mt. 25:41); it's a **furnace of fire** (Mt. 13:41,42, 50); it's a place of **weeping and gnashing of teeth in outer darkness** (Mat. 8:12; 13:42, 50; 22:13; 24:51; 25:30; Lk. 13:28); it's **better to cut off your hand or foot and gouge your eye out rather than be cast into such a place** (Mt. 5:28,29; 18:8; Mk. 9:43-48); it's a place of **agony in fire** (Lk. 16:24) and where the eternally lost who are there want their family to **repent** (*turn from evil* - Mt. 12:41 cf. Jonah 3:10), so that they too will not follow (Lk. 16:28-31); and a place of **eternal torment** (Mt. 25:46).

Other scriptures declare a **lake of burning sulfur** (Rev. 21:8; 14:9-12; etc.), which does not annihilate the eternally lost out of their conscious existence (Rev. 19:20 cf. 20:10; Jude 7; Mt. 25:46; etc.). The fire there is **unquenchable** (Mt. 3:12; Lk. 3:17), **eternal** (Mt. 18:8; 25:41; Jude 7) and **raging** (Heb. 10:27). It is the final destination of all people who are likened unto *chaff and goats* (Lk. 3:17; Mt. 25:41), that is, *if they die in their sins still having the wrath of God upon them* (Jn. 8:24; Eph. 2:1-3).

Is it any wonder that the PRECIOUS Lord Jesus taught it is better to lose your eye, hand or foot that is causing you to sin, rather than to be thrown into unquenchable fire (Mark 9:42-48)? Dear

reader, **from the very depths of your heart, deeply repent of every sin and fully commit now to the PRECIOUS Lord Jesus to follow and obey him till death** (Acts 20:21; 26:20; Rev. 2:10,11). Don't delay.

To be saved from Hell (Luke 13:23,24; Acts 16:30, 31; etc.), which is God's will for all people to be (Acts 17:30; 1 Tim 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9) **one must have a personal faith and commitment to the Lord Jesus to do his will to the end** (Mt. 7:21; Lk. 11:27,28; Rev. 2:26; etc.). Many will try to enter God's kingdom, but will fail because they are not putting forth the *continuous effort* necessary under grace to enter (Lk. 13:23,24). The road to life is *difficult* (Mt. 7:14) and it is *hard* for the righteous to be saved (1 Pet 4:18). **To reap eternal life, a believer must sow to please the Spirit and not give up** (Gal. 6:8,9; Rom. 2:7).

Backsliders are no longer saved and must repent and come back to the Father to serve him for salvation's sake (Ezek. 33:18; Lk. 15:18-24; Rom. 8:13; 11:20-23; James 5:19,20; etc.). The Prodigal was spiritually *dead and lost* when he was in his backslidden condition (Lk. 15:24). **There is no eternal security or once saved always saved** (Ezek. 33:18; Mt. 10:22; Gal. 6:8,9; Heb. 3:14; 6:4-6; 10:26-29; James 5:19,20; Rev. 2:10,11; etc.).

On the wicked he will rain fiery coals and **burning sulfur**; a scorching wind will be their lot. For the LORD is righteous, he loves justice; **upright men** will see his face (Psa. 11:6,7). To turn from your wickedness, **which is dragging you to hell**, and to wisely choose to submissively place Jesus' yoke on

yourself to follow and serve him is equated to *believing on Jesus*. This is also the same as getting *born again*. When a person is born again, he is also forgiven of all of his *past* sins, given eternal life (Jn. 6:47; 1 John 5:11-13; etc.) and set free from the sin addictions (John 8:34-36; Rom. 6:18; 6:22) by repentance (Rom. 6:6,7; Gal. 5:24). In particular, it is contact with Jesus' cleansing, precious blood (Rev. 1:5; 1 Pet. 1:19; 1 John 1:7) that brings about this *new creation* (2 Cor. 5:17) miracle.

Getting *born again* (personal salvation) **occurs at the point of a trusting and submitting faith in the Lord Jesus to follow and serve him**. All 100% of our trust must be in mankind's only Savior, who is Jesus Christ, in order to have salvation (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Pet. 2:6; etc.). **After salvation, get water baptized as a pledge of a good conscience towards God** (Acts 10:43-48; 16:30-33; 1 Pet. 3:21). Again, the Lord Jesus must be the sole focus of our faith. Many have, unfortunately, been **deceived** into *lethally* trusting church membership, water baptism, Mary, Saturday Sabbath keeping, Lodge membership, wearing the brown scapular, etc., for salvation. Some others are trusting in Jesus partly and partly in something or someone else for their salvation. They also have been dangerously misled.

Christians have been set free from sin by repentance and have become slaves to God which leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life (Rom 6:22). Scripture says: We know that we have come to know him [Jesus] **if we obey his commands**. The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a **liar**, and the truth is not in him (1 John 2:3,4). There are no Christian adulterers, no Christian drunks, no Christian thieves, no Christian witches, no Christian homosexuals, etc. (1 Cor. 6:9,10; Eph. 5:5-7; Rev. 21:8).

To be saved means to be delivered from Hell's tormenting fires. As long as you have a living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ which follows and obeys him, you also have *eternal life* (who is Jesus - 1 John 1:2; 5:11-13; etc.), which entitles one to enter *Paradise* (Lk. 23:42,43; Rev. 2:7), a place of gladness, joy and peace in God's holy presence (Psa. 46:4,5; Rom. 2:10; Heb. 12:22-24; Rev. 21:3,4).

Only the pure in heart will see God (Mt. 5:8) and enter New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:27; Heb. 12:14). Jesus is the only "way" to get there (Jn. 14:6; Acts 4:12).

To be his redeemed possession, you must obey and confess Jesus *unashamedly* now (Mk. 8:34-38; Lk. 9:26; Rom. 10:9,10) and *love* him more than your own natural family to be *worthy* of him (Mt. 10:37,38). **Loving Jesus, which is shown by obeying him, is a salvation issue** (1 Cor. 2:9; 16:22; Jn. 14:15; 14:23,24;). **Realize your sins are dragging you to Hell and you desperately need the Lord Jesus to save you, since he is the only Savior**.

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. Such **were** some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God (1 Cor. 6:9-11).

But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars--their place will be in **the fiery lake of burning sulfur**. This is the second death (Rev. 21:8).

We are told to *make every effort* to be holy (Heb. 12:14) and to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with God (2 Pet. 3:13,14; 1 Tim. 5:22). That can begin with sincere and humble heart-felt crying out to God for mercy and forgiveness (Mt. 18:26; Lk. 18:13,14; Rom. 10:13). **You must sincerely turn away from your sins** (2 Cor. 7:10; Lk. 18:9-14; Acts 3:19; 1 Thess. 1:9; 2 Pet. 3:9; etc.). **You must have the kind of faith in the Lord Jesus, which unashamedly follows him to be his sheep** (Mt. 10:38; Jn. 10:27; etc.).

One's final end will be in PARADISE or the LAKE OF BURNING SULFUR (Rev.21:1-8; Rev. 2:7 cf. Rev. 22:1-5; Mt. 7:13,14). Where will you spend your eternity? It depends on whether or not you faithfully follow the Lord Jesus Christ *till the end*. Only an obedient, trusting, submitting and enduring faith in the Lord Jesus can save you from hell, where **most** will go. [Please pass this on to someone you care about.]

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