

The Bible tells us that, “Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.”¹⁶ Will you do that? Do you understand that you are a sinner who needs God’s forgiveness? If you ask Him for His gift of eternal life, He will give it to you if you are sincere in your request. He loves you very much! You can do this right now.

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¹Revelation 20:14; ²Mark 9:43,48-49; ³Matthew 22:13;

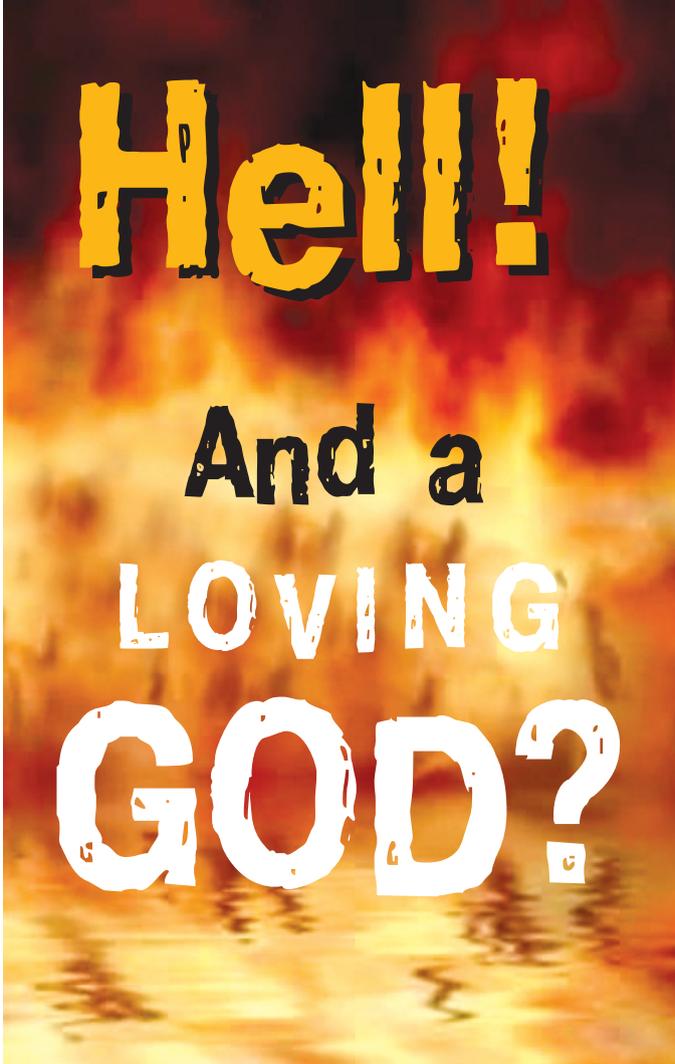
⁴Revelation 14:11; ⁵Luke 16:24; ⁶Luke 16:23,24,25,27-28,30;

⁷John 3:17-18,36; ⁸Matthew 25:41; ⁹2 Peter 3:9;

¹⁰2 Corinthians 5:18-21; ¹¹Ezekiel 33:11; ¹²John 3:19;

¹³Romans 2:2,5; 3:4-6; ¹⁴Romans 1:18-19;

¹⁵John 3:16-17; ¹⁶Romans 10:13



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What is hell? Hell is a place described in the Bible as a “lake of fire”¹ where the fire is “unquenchable.”² It is a place of “darkness” where there will be “weeping and gnashing of teeth,”³ a place of “smoke” and “torment” which lasts “forever and ever,” where those who are there “have no rest day and night.”⁴ It is a place of “agony” where its inhabitants, being in a “flame of fire,” desire that just one drop of water be placed on their tongues.⁵ In this place of eternal punishment people will still be able to see, to think, to speak, to feel, to hear, to remember, and have desires which will never be fulfilled.⁶ This is the future reality which awaits those who love the sinful things of this world and reject Jesus Christ and God the Father.⁷ Yet, there is good news!

You may ask, “If God is a loving God, then how can He send people to hell?” It is important to realize that hell was not intended for mankind. Originally it was created for the devil and his angels.⁸ Hell became a place of judgment for mankind only after Adam and Eve sinned. It is also important to understand that it is not God’s desire for anyone to go to hell. On the contrary, the Bible says that God is “patient” toward sinners,

“not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.”⁹ God even appeals to sinners, who “on behalf of Christ, to be reconciled to God.”¹⁰ Thus God says, “Say to them, ‘As I live!’ declares the Lord God, ‘I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways!’”¹¹

But here is the problem – that men love the darkness rather than the light, for their deeds are evil.¹² Therefore, because God is a holy and just God, He must judge sin. He cannot leave the guilty unpunished.¹³ This is the only reason that men will be cast into hell, to satisfy the wrath of God because of their wickedness.¹⁴

So what is the good news? It is that “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. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.”¹⁵ God sent Jesus to save you from having to go to hell because of your sin. This is why Jesus died on the cross because God desires that you live eternally with Him after you die.