

*What does the Bible say about*



*What hell is,*

*Who is going to hell,*

*How a person can avoid going to hell.*

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*“Take heed therefore how ye hear”  
Luke 8:18*

*Speak, Lord in the stillness  
While I wait on thee  
Hushed my heart to listen  
In expectancy*

## ***Reader Notes:***

*Scriptures are excerpted from the King James Version of the Holy Bible.*

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*Text printed in **lavender** denotes words added to the original biblical texts for clarification of the meaning.*

# What is hell?

*(Deuteronomy 32:22 page 297 ot) For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.*

What does God say is present in hell?

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*(Deuteronomy 32:29, page 297 ot) O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!*

There is a Heaven to gain and a hell to shun. What does a wise person do?

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What is the term used to describe the ultimate destiny of where a person will spend eternity?

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*(Matthew 13:41-42 page 22 nt) The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

What is hell called?

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How is the anguish in hell described?

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*(2 Samuel 22:6 page 462 ot) The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me;*

How do people feel in hell?

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*(Psalms 116:3 page 812 ot) The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell got hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.*

What feelings do those in hell experience?

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*(Proverbs 27:20 page 857 ot) Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.*

Does hell ever become full?

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*(Isaiah 5:14 page 882 ot) Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.*

Why does hell not become full?

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*(Matthew 11:23 page 17 nt) And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.*

Capernaum was a city where the Lord Jesus Christ did many works. The Lord Jesus Christ never did works in the city of Sodom. What was the basis for stating that Capernaum would receive a stricter judgment than Sodom?

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*(Deuteronomy 32:24 page 297 ot) They shall be burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction: I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust.*

What feelings are described for those who are in hell?

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*(Job 30:24 page 727 ot) Howbeit he will not stretch out his hand to the grave, though they cry in his destruction.*

What do people do in hell?

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*(2 Thessalonians 1:9 page 293 nt) Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;*

How long will the punishment of hell last?

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*(Matthew 25:46 page 43 nt) And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.*

How long does hell last and how long does Heaven last?

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*(Luke 13:26-28 page 109 nt) Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. 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 yourselves thrust out.*

What will those claim as a basis for not going to hell?

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What will the Lord Jesus Christ say to those whom He sends to hell?

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What two descriptions are there of those in hell?

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What do the people in hell do that brings about great anguish of soul?

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*(Revelation 20:14 page 363 nt) And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.*

The Bible describes two possible deaths for a person. The first death is the physical death when our heart stops. But, some go through a second death which is how the Bible describes going to hell.

How is hell described?



*(Romans 3:23 page 220 nt) For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

If all have sinned, then we have sinned, if the penalty for sin is death, then what penalty do we have to pay?

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If hell is described as the second death, where will our sins send us?

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*(John 8:2, page 144 nt) And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.*

What was the Lord Jesus Christ doing in the temple?

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What indication is there that the listeners were anxious to hear Him?

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*(John 8:3, page 144 nt) And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,*

Who brought this woman to the Lord Jesus Christ?

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*(John 8:4, page 144 nt) They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.*

What act was the woman caught in who was brought to the Lord Jesus Christ?

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What title did the scribes and Pharisees address the Lord Jesus Christ as?

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*(John 8:5, page 144 nt) Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?*

Who were the scribes and Pharisees holding up as their authority?

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What did the scribes and Pharisees claim that they were commanded to do?

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What were the scribes and Pharisees asking the Lord Jesus Christ to do?

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*(John 8:6, page 144 nt) This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.*

What were the scribes and Pharisees tempting the Lord Jesus Christ to do?

What were the scribes and Pharisees hoping to obtain from the answer of the Lord Jesus Christ?

How do you think the scribes and Pharisees compared the woman to themselves?

How did the Lord Jesus Christ respond to the scribes and Pharisees?

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*(John 8:7, page 144 nt) So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.*

What was the response of the Lord Jesus Christ to the persistent question?

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Who did the Lord Jesus Christ allow to cast a stone at the woman?

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Did the Lord Jesus Christ say that he that is without mistakes or he that is perfect should cast the first stone at the woman?

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What is the difference between a sin and a mistake?

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*(John 8:8, page 144 nt) And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.*

What did the Lord Jesus Christ do after he answered them?

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*(John 8:9, page 144 nt) And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.*

What caused the hearers to leave the woman?

What word is used to describe what their conscience did to the hearers?

What are other synonyms for the word convict?

Who were the first to leave the woman alone?

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Why do you think the eldest were the first to leave?

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Was there any person in this group of scribes and Pharisees that claimed he was without sin?

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In the end who was left alone with the Lord Jesus Christ?

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*(John 8:10, page 144 nt) When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?*

What questions did the Lord Jesus Christ first ask the woman?

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*(John 8:11, page 144 nt) She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.*

What title did the woman use to address the Lord Jesus Christ?

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How is the title the woman used to address the Lord Jesus Christ different from the title (above) used by the scribes and Pharisees?

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What response did the woman give to the Lord Jesus Christ?

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What was the sentence of the Lord Jesus Christ on the woman?

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What did the Lord Jesus command the woman to do?

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Did the Lord Jesus Christ ignore the sin of the woman?

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*(John 8:12, page 144 nt) Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*

Following this encounter with the scribes, Pharisees and woman taken in adultery how did the Lord Jesus Christ identify Himself?

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How did the Lord Jesus Christ say people would benefit from Him being the light of the world?

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What change did the Lord Jesus Christ claim would happen for those who follow Him as the light of the world?

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Living a life of sin is identified in the Bible as walking in darkness, therefore, what did the Lord Jesus Christ mean when He said that those who follow Him would not walk in darkness, but have the light of life?

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This verse identifies the light of the world with a person. Who is identified as light of the world?

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What kind of light is it that a person would have from following the Lord Jesus Christ?

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*(Luke 18:9, page 116 nt) And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:*

To whom did the Lord Jesus Christ speak this parable?

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In whom did these hearers trust?

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How did these self righteous hearers view others?

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*(Luke 18:10, page 116 nt) Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.*

What did both the Pharisee and the publican (tax collector who were despised as collecting taxes for the Romans) go to the temple to do?

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*(Luke 18:11, page 116 nt) The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioner, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.*

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What did the Pharisee thank God for?

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With whom did the Pharisee contrast himself?

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What was the focus of the Pharisee's prayer?

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Whom did the Pharisee use as a standard for his self estimation?

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Was the Pharisee humble or proud?

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Did the Pharisee justify or condemn himself?

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Did the Pharisee exalt or abase himself before God?

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*(Luke 18:12, page 116 nt) I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.*

Why did the Pharisee tell God he fasted and gave tithes?

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What was the Pharisee emphasizing to God?

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What did the Pharisee believe he deserved from God?

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Did the Pharisee ask for mercy?

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Why did the Pharisee not ask God for mercy?

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*(Luke 18:13, page 116 nt) And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.*

Where did the publican stand in his prayer?

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Did the publican lift up his eyes toward heaven?

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Why did the publican not lift up his eyes toward heaven?

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Why did the publican hit his breast?

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How did the publican identify himself to God?

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What did the publican ask God to do for him?

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Did the publican compare or contrast himself with any one?

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What was the publican emphasizing to God?

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What did the publican believe he deserved from God?

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Why did the publican ask God for mercy?

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Was the publican humble or proud?

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Did the publican exalt or abase himself before God

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*(Luke 18:14, page 116 nt) I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.*

Who went home justified that day – the publican or the Pharisee?

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What happened to the publican?

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Who justified the publican?

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Who was not justified that day?

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Why wasn't the Pharisee justified?

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The Pharisee exalted himself and what did God promise to do with those who exalt themselves?

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The publican humbled himself and what did God promise to do with those who humble themselves?

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Write down what you have learned and what conclusions you have drawn about "What is Hell?"

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## Who is going to hell?

*(Psalms 73:18 page 783 ot) Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction.*

Is the wicked person on earth on solid footing?

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*(Job 21:30 page 720 ot) That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath.*

What will happen to those who sin or (the wicked)?

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What are the wicked reserved for?

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What two words are used to describe how the wicked will come to the day of wrath?

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Some take solace in the hope that after death nothing will happen. God who created every atom is able to bring back

together every atom that made up a person before they died. Does this verse give any indication that the wicked can escape being brought forth to the day of wrath by being cremated or disintegrated in the earth or sea after their body dies?

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*(Psalms 9:17 page 743 ot) The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.*

What are two descriptions of those found in hell?

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*(Proverbs 5:5 page 834 ot) Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.*

Proverbs 5:3-14 describes a whore. What will be the end of the whore?

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*(Proverbs 7:27 page 837 ot) Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.*

Proverbs 7:5-27 describes an adulterous woman. Where will she lead her lovers?

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*(Proverbs 9:18 page 839 ot) But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell.*

Proverbs 9:13-18 describe a married woman inviting a man to become her lover. What is her lover not aware of (regarding his predecessors?)

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*(Isaiah 14:15 page 892 ot) Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.*

Isaiah 14:12-15 describes the fallen angel named Lucifer or Satan. Where will he be brought?

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*(Matthew 5:22 page 8 nt) But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.*

If an angry person loses his temper to the point of calling a person a fool (and everyone has) what is that angry person in danger of?

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*(Luke 12:5 page 106 nt) But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.*

Others can kill the body, but only God controls whether or not a soul is sent to hell. Therefore, what should be our attitude towards God?

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*(Matthew 23:15 pages 37-38 nt) Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.*

What description did the Lord Jesus Christ give to a proselyte of the Scribes, Pharisees and hypocrites of His day?

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*(Matthew 23:33 page 38 nt) Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?*

What did the Lord Jesus Christ call the Scribes, Pharisees and hypocrites of His day and what did He say they would not avoid?

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*(Revelation 20:15 page 363 nt) And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*

Who goes to hell?

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How is hell described?

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*(John 5:29, page 138 nt) And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.*

What will happen to those who have done good?

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What will happen to those who have done evil?

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What does the word “resurrection” mean?

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Resurrection has a sense of meaning restoration. Therefore, does this verse indicate that a person who dies will have certain abilities restored?

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*(Matthew 3:12 page 5 nt) Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.*

How is the fire in hell described?

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*(Luke 16:19 page 113 nt) There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:*

Luke 16:19-31 is an account of a rich man who went to hell and a beggar named Lazarus who went to Heaven. This important account about hell has a mixture of information about hell, of those who are in hell and how to avoid hell. To preserve the continuity, this passage is kept together below. Information on hell and how to avoid hell is both contained below.

What lifestyle did the rich man live?

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*(Luke 16:20 page 113 nt) And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,*

Where in relation to the rich man did Lazarus live?

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*(Luke 16:21 pages 113-114 nt) And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.*

What did Lazarus desire?

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*(Luke 16:22 page 114 nt) And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;*

What happened to Lazarus when he died?

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Who transported Lazarus when he died?

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To whose bosom was Lazarus transported?

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*(Luke 16:23 page 114 nt) And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.*



Where was the rich man?

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What condition was the rich man stated to be in?

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What did the rich man see when he was in hell?

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*(Luke 16:24 page 114 nt) 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.*

What term did the rich man use to call Abraham?

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Why did the rich man call Abraham father?

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What was the rich man expecting from Abraham when he called him father?

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What feeling did the rich man hope to elicit in Abraham over the rich man's condition?

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How did the rich man describe his condition in hell?

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What did the rich man say was in hell?

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What part of the rich man's body was in particular torment?

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What did the rich man ask Abraham to do?

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Is there any indication that the rich man had remorse in hell?

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Did the rich man feel bad over his condition and desire to get out of hell?

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Is there any indication that the rich man had any repentance?

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Is there any indication that the rich man was sorry in hell for how he treated Lazarus?

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Did the rich man address Lazarus and tell him that he was sorry for how he treated Lazarus or did the rich man tell Abraham to tell Lazarus that he was sorry for how he treated him?

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*(Luke 16:25 page 114 nt) But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.*

What term did Abraham use to address the rich man?

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By calling the rich man “son”, what was Abraham not disputing with the rich man?

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From the above, is blood relationship to Abraham enough to guarantee that a person will go to Heaven and not hell?

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Abraham was a Jew and the rich man was a Jew – is being a Jew enough to guarantee that a person will go to Heaven and not to hell?

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What activity did Abraham ask the rich man to do in hell?

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What activity, therefore, do people in hell have the ability to do?

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What did Abraham imply that the rich man could have done in his lifetime for Lazarus?

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How did Abraham describe the rich man's condition in hell?

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How did Abraham describe Lazarus in Heaven?

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*(Luke 16:26 page 114 nt) And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.*

What did Abraham say there was between Heaven and hell?

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What did Abraham say that people in Heaven might want to do for people in hell?

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What did Abraham say that people in hell might want to do?

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What obstacle stood in the way of passage between Heaven and hell?

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*(Luke 16:27 page 114 nt) Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldst send him to my father's house:*

What second request did the rich man make of Abraham?

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*(Luke 16:28 page 114 nt) For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.*

Who was the rich man concerned about?

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What did the rich man want his five brothers to avoid?

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What did the rich man want Lazarus to do for his five brothers?

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What value do people in hell place on a testimony from another?

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What did the rich man realize that his five living brethren could still do?

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What did the rich man know that his five brethren would not be able to do after they died?

*(Luke 16:29 page 114 nt) Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.*

What did Abraham say was enough for the rich man's five brothers to avoid going to hell?

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What activity did Abraham say the rich man's five brothers had to do in order to avoid going to hell?

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What specific benefit or value did Abraham say that Moses and the prophets (or the Bible) could bring to man?

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What does it mean to “hear” Moses and the prophets?

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*(Luke 16:30 page 114 nt) And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.*

Did the rich man agree with Abraham that it was enough for his five brothers to read and hear what Moses and the prophets said in order for them to avoid hell?

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Could the rich man have read and heard Moses and the prophets and avoided going to hell before he died?

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Why didn't the rich man avoid hell by reading and hearing Moses and the prophets before he died?

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What did the rich man say was better than the Bible to cause his five brothers to avoid hell?

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When a person grows old, he often loses the ability to remember, reason, strategize, etc. Does the rich man in hell have the capacity to remember the past (presumably restored, if he lost the capacity to remember before his death)?

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Does the rich man in hell have the capacity to reason well (presumably restored if he lost the capacity to reason well before his death)?

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Does the rich man in hell have the capacity to strategize or figure out a course of action (presumably restored if he lost the capacity to strategize before his death)?

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Does this imply that the wicked who succumb to Alzheimer's disease or loss of short term memory will have their memory restored in hell?

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*(Luke 16:31 page 114 nt) And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.*

Did Abraham think that if a person is not persuaded by what the Bible says about hell, that someone returning from the dead with a warning would be more persuasive in causing someone to avoid hell?

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What was the difference between how Abraham and how the rich man valued the Bible?

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What did Abraham expect a person to do to avoid hell?

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*(Matthew 25:41 page 42 nt) 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:*

Who was hell prepared for?

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*(2 Peter 2:4 pages 332-333 nt) For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;*

The Bible states that one third of the angels fell into rebellion and sin. Did God spare those sinful angels from judgment?

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Hell was created for those sinful angels and their leader, Satan. Hell was not created for man. Man only goes to hell when he refuses to follow God's prescribed plan for avoiding it. The Bible calls God's prescribed plan "salvation" or "being saved from sins." To provide salvation for man, God the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, set aside His power and glory and came to earth as a sinless man. On a cross He took upon Himself all of the sins of mankind and fulfilled God's righteousness by being judged for all of the sins of man. He died on a cross and God the Father was satisfied with the sacrifice of His Son who was raised from the dead. In God's plan of salvation, man has to believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for his sins and receive Him as his Lord and Savior. In that way man avoids going to hell. If man rebels against God and refuses God's free gift of salvation through the shedding of His precious blood then God has no choice but to send man to hell along with Satan and his fallen angels.

What was God's judgment for those angels who sinned against God?

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What verb is used to describe how God has sent those sinful angels to hell?

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How are the sinful angels described as restricted?

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How is the environment of hell described?

*(Revelation 20:13 page 363 nt) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.*

The Bible describes a waiting time for those who die outside of Christ, after which they will be brought before the Lord Jesus Christ for the final judgment.

From where are the dead collected to be brought to the final judgment?

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Speaking of the physical body, what condition would you expect the body to be in after having been in the sea for a long time?

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Does the deterioration of the body in the sea prevent a person from being brought before Christ for the final judgment?

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Does the deterioration of the body in the ground prevent a person from being brought before Christ for the final judgment?

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Does cremation of the body prevent a person from being brought before Christ for the final judgment?

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What will people be judged for in the final judgment?

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*(2 Peter 3:7 page 334 nt) But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.*

What is the description of those who are lost in hell?

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*(Psalms 7:11 page 742 ot) God is angry with the wicked every day.*

What makes God angry?

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*(Proverbs 16:18 page 846 ot) Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.*

What attitude describes those who go to the destruction of hell?

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*(Isaiah 1:28 page 879 ot) And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the LORD shall be consumed.*

Who are the ones who are consumed in destruction?

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*(Philippians 3:19 page 283 nt) Whose end is destruction, whose God is **their** belly, and whose glory **is** in their shame, who mind earthly things.)*

What are those who are bound for hell concerned about?

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*(Leviticus 26:18 page 179 ot) And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.*

What does God punish people for?

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*(1 John 3:4 page 337 nt) Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.*

How is sin defined?

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*(Hosea 4:9 page 1136 ot) And there shall be, like people, like priest: and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings.*

What does God punish people for?



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*(1 Kings 8:38 page 484 ot) What prayer and supplication soever be **made** by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house:*

When King Solomon dedicated the temple in Jerusalem he asked that God hear a prayer by any person. What motivation did Solomon say would drive a person to pray?

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What are synonyms for the word plague?

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What do you think Solomon was referring to by the plague of the human heart?

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*(2 Chronicles 6:36 page 610 ot) If they sin against thee, (for **there** is no man which sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them over before **their** enemies, and they carry them away captives unto a land far off or near;*

The above passage is another account of what King Solomon said when he dedicated the temple. According to what King Solomon said, is there a man who does not sin?

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*(Psalms 14:1-3 page 745 ot) <To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.> The fool hath said in his heart, **There is** no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, **there is** none that doeth good. The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, **and** seek God. They are all gone aside, they are **all** together become filthy: **there is** none that doeth good, no, not one.*

According to what King David said in the Psalms, is there a person who has never sinned?

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*(Romans 3:23 page 220 nt) For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

According to what the Apostle Paul said in Romans, is there a person who has never sinned?

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*(Ezekiel 18:20 page 1060 ot) The soul that sinneth, it shall die.*

What is the penalty for sin?

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*(Romans 6:23 page 223 nt) For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

What are the wages that have to be paid when a sin is committed?

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*(Deuteronomy 8:19 page 261 ot) And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.*

What is the description of those who perish?

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*(Deuteronomy 8:20 pages 261-262 ot) As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.*

For what reason does a person perish?

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*(Psalms 37:20 page 760 ot) But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.*

What is the description of those who perish?

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*(Psalms 73:27 page 783 ot) For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee.*

What is the description of those who perish?

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Write down what you have learned and what conclusions you have drawn about "Who is going to Hell?"

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## How can a person avoid going to hell?

*(Psalms 86:13 page 792 ot) For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.*

What did the great mercy of God do for the Psalmist?

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*(Proverbs 15:24 page 845 ot) The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.*

What does the way of life cause a person to avoid?

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*(John 14:6 page 156 nt) Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

What are three “I am’s” that the Lord Jesus Christ declared about Himself?

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Is there another way to God the Father, other than through the Lord Jesus Christ?

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*(Revelation 1:18 page 344 nt) I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*

How does the Lord Jesus Christ describe Himself now and forever?

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What keys does the Lord Jesus Christ claim to have?

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A jailor has keys to the jail. What does it imply that the Lord Jesus Christ has the keys to hell and the second death?

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*(Hebrews 10:39 page 317 nt) But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.*

Those who go to hell are described as doing what?

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In contrast, those who have their soul saved are described as doing what?

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*(Revelation 17:8 page 359 nt) The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.*

Where are the names recorded of those who will go to Heaven?

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*(Psalms 103:4 page 801 ot) Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;*

From what does God redeem the person who trusts in Him?

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*(Proverbs 18:12 page 848 ot) Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility.*

What attitude describes those who are honored?

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*(Hosea 13:14 page 1143 ot) I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction.*

What two words describe what God will do for those who trust Him to deliver them from hell?

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What two opponents does God say that He will personally battle to rescue those who trust Him?

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*(Isaiah 1:18-19 pages 878-879 ot) Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:*

What condition of man is God addressing?

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What is God inviting man to do with Him?

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What is God offering to man?

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What condition is required in order for man to obtain the remedy?

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*(Joel 2:32 page 1146-1147 ot) And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered.*

Who is able to call on the Lord to be delivered?

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*(Isaiah 64:6 page 945 ot) But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.*

(Note: Hebrew word for “filthy rags” is the word for used menstrual rags)

How does God describe man?

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What description does God describe our good works or righteousnesses?

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What do our sins do to us?

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Is there any indication that our own good works or our own righteousness will be able to gain us entrance into Heaven?

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*(Genesis 15:6 page 17 ot) And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.*

What did Abraham do in order to be counted righteous before God?

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*(Mark 10:45, page 68 nt) For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.*

For what did the Lord Jesus Christ come to earth?

What did the Lord Jesus Christ come to earth to give?

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What did the Lord Jesus Christ give His life for?

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*(Isaiah 53:6, page 935 ot) All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

What animal are we compared to?

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What aspect of the sheep do we copy?

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How is the way described that we turn to?

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What did God lay on the Lord Jesus Christ?

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*(Isaiah 53:5, page 935 ot) But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

What was the Lord Jesus Christ wounded for?

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What was the Lord Jesus Christ bruised for?

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Whose transgressions and iniquities did the Lord Jesus Christ suffer for?

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How are our souls healed?

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*(Isaiah 53:11, page 935 ot) He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.*

What did God the Father see when the Lord Jesus Christ was on the cross?

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What was God the Father's evaluation of the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross?

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By whose knowledge was the plan of salvation devised?

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What five words in Is 53:11 express God's plan of salvation?

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Who justified sinful man?

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What is the description of the suffering servant who died for sins?

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The word Gospel means good news. What words in Isaiah 53:11 are good news for sinful man?

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*(Galatians 2:16 page 268 nt) Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.*

Can anyone be justified before God by keeping the law?

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How is a person justified before God?

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*(Titus 3:5 page 305 nt) Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us.*

Can a person be saved from hell by works of righteousness?

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How is a person saved from hell?

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*(Romans 6:23 page 223 nt) For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

How is God's eternal life described?

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Is a gift still a gift if it is worked for?

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Through whom is eternal life obtained?

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*(Ephesians 2:8 page 274 nt) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*

How is a person saved from hell?

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How is a person not saved from hell?

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How is God's salvation described?

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*(2 Corinthians 9:15 page 262 nt) Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.*

How is God's gift of salvation described?

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*(Romans 5:17 page 222 nt) For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)*

What is God's gift to man?

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*(Romans 5:18 page 222 nt) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.*

What does God's free gift bring to man?

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*(Matthew 7:13 page 11 nt) Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:*

What does the Lord Jesus Christ invite all men to do?

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Is the way to hell described as easy?

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Are there many people who have gone and are going to hell?

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*(2 Corinthians 5:21, page 259 nt) For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

What did God the Father make the Lord Jesus Christ for us?

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Had the Lord Jesus Christ ever sinned or known any sin before He was made sin for us?

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What was the purpose of the Lord Jesus Christ having been made to be sin for us?

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In who are we made the righteousness of God?

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How does the verse describe the love of God the Father for us?

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How does this verse describe the love of God the Son for us?

*(Luke 23:39, page 127 nt) And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.*

When the Lord Jesus Christ was crucified there were also two thieves (malefactors) crucified at the same time. What word is used to describe what one thief did to the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross?

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What did this one thief not believe about the Lord Jesus Christ?

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What did this one thief believe that the Lord Jesus Christ needed on the cross?

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What did this thief not understand about the work that the Lord Jesus Christ was doing on the cross?

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Is there any indication that this thief believed he was getting his due reward for what he had done?

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Is there any indication that this thief believed he was a sinner?

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Rather than focusing on himself as a sinner what was this thief most concerned about?

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Is there any indication that this thief was sad over his condition on the cross?

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Did this thief ask to be removed from the cross immediately?

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Is there any indication that this thief was repenting over what he had done?

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Was this thief more concerned about getting off the cross or about repenting for his crimes?

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Is there any indication that this thief was concerned about what would happen to him in the after life?

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*(Luke 23:40, page 127 nt) But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?*

What word is used to describe what this thief did to the other thief?

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What did this thief say that the other thief did not do?

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What was the same condemnation that this thief was referring to?

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*(Luke 23:41, page 127 nt) And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.*

What did this thief say was being correctly done?

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What phrase did this thief use to describe how the two thieves deserved to be crucified?

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What would this thief had said if he was asked if he was a sinner?

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Did this thief ask to be removed from the cross immediately?

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Was this thief more concerned about getting off the cross or repenting over his crimes?

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What did this thief say was being unjustly done?

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What did this thief say about the Lord Jesus Christ?

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How did this thief refer to the Lord Jesus Christ?

*(Luke 23:42, page 127 nt) And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.*

What title did this thief call Jesus?

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Where did this thief say Jesus was going?

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This thief had called the Lord Jesus Christ Lord and then he referred to his kingdom what does that also imply that this thief recognized about who the Lord Jesus Christ was?

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What did this thief indicate that the Lord Jesus Christ was able to do after life?

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What did this thief ask the Lord Jesus Christ to do for him?

*(Luke 23:43, page 127 nt) And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.*

What word did the Lord Jesus Christ in order to remove all doubt that this thief would not go to hell, but go to Heaven?

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When did the Lord Jesus Christ say that this thief would be in Heaven?

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Who was this thief going to be with in Heaven?

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What word is used to describe Heaven?

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*(Leviticus 17:11 page 164 ot) For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.*

The word atonement implies a remission or removal of the penalty for our sins. What did God provide so our sins can be remitted and we not be sent to hell for our sins?

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*(Exodus 12:3-7 page 90 ot) Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.*

Exodus 12 describes the Passover and what Moses was to command the Jews to do in order for the their firstborn to not die with the first born of the Egyptians when God executed judgment. Who was Moses supposed to give the Passover instructions to?

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What animal was to be singled out by each family?

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What was required of the lamb (or goat) in order for it to be chosen?

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How many days was the lamb to be observed before it was killed?

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What was the family to do with the lamb?

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What was the family to do with the blood of the lamb?

*(Exodus 12:12-13 page 90 ot) For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.*

On the last plague of the Exodus, God passed through Egypt to execute the judgment of killing all of the first born in every house. But, what did God say He would look for in order to not judge a household?

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What did God say He would do when He saw the blood?

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(Note: the word Hebrew word for Passover is “Pessach” and it is used today in Israel to mean skip over or jump over)

*(John 1:29 page 131 nt) The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

What did John the Baptist call the Lord Jesus Christ?

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What did John the Baptist say the Lord Jesus Christ would do?

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*(I Corinthians 5:7 page 240 nt) For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:*

What was the Lord Jesus Christ called?

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What happened to the Lord Jesus Christ?

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*(Matthew 26:26 page 44 nt) And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.*

(Note: The word testament is the same as covenant or contract or agreement. The word remission means to take away or blot out.)

The night before the Lord Jesus Christ died on a cross, He ate the Passover with his 12 apostles. At that meal, what did the Lord Jesus Christ brake and designate as a symbol of his body?

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What did the Lord Jesus Christ designate to symbolize his blood?

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How did the Lord Jesus Christ describe His blood?

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What did the Lord Jesus Christ say would happen to His blood?

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What was the purpose of the shedding of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ?

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*(John 11:25 page 150 nt) Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:*

What two descriptions did the Lord Jesus Christ speak of Himself?

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What did a person do in order to avoid hell or live after death?

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*(John 10:30-33 page 149 nt) I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I showed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.*

What relationship did the Lord Jesus Christ claim with God the Father?

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What was the response from the non believing Jews when they heard that claim?

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What did the non believing Jews accuse the Lord Jesus Christ of claiming to be (which the Lord Jesus Christ did not deny)?

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*(John 20:28-29 page 166 nt) And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.*

What did Thomas call the Lord Jesus Christ? (Note that the Lord Jesus Christ did not correct Thomas for what he called Him.)



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What did the Lord Jesus Christ say Thomas did?

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Why did Thomas believe?

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*(Psalms 2:12 page 740 ot) Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.*

What advice is given to avoid perishing?

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*(Jeremiah 29:13 page 989 ot) And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.*

How does a person find God?

How intent does a person have to be to find God?

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*(Proverbs 28:13 page 858 ot) He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.*

What is the activity that will not prosper?

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What should a person do with his burden of sin?

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What does God promise will happen when a person confesses his sin to God?

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*(1 Timothy 2:5 page 296 nt) For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;*

How many mediators are there between God and man?

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When a person has sinned against God, to whom should he confess his sins?

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*(Matthew 18:14 page 29 nt) Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.*

What does God the Father not want to happen?

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*(Luke 13:3 page 108 nt) I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.*

What does the Lord Jesus Christ say is necessary to avoid perishing in hell?

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*(John 3:15-17 page 134 nt) That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

What caused God the Father to give God the Son to die on a cross?

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Does God want anyone to perish?

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How does a person avoid hell?

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Can anyone believe and avoid hell?

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What did God not send His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ into the world to do?

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What was the Lord Jesus Christ sent into the world to do?

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*(Luke 19:10 page 118 nt) For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

What did the Lord Jesus Christ say He was come into the world to do?

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The “lost” is another term for those who are on their way to hell. When the Lord Jesus Christ said he was come to seek and to save that which was lost, what is He seeking to do for the lost?

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*(John 10:28 page 149 nt) And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.*

What does the Lord Jesus Christ give to His followers?

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What will never happen to a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ?

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Where are the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ pictured?

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Is anyone able to steal away a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ to cause that person to perish?

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*(1 Corinthians 1:18 page 236 nt) For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.*

What does the person who is going to hell think about the cross of Christ?

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What is the term used for those who are not going to hell?

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What does the person who is going to Heaven think about the cross of Christ?

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*(2 Thessalonians 2:10 page 294 nt) And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

What must be received in order for a person to be saved?

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*(2 Peter 3:9 page 334 nt) The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

Why is God delaying the final judgment of the earth?

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Is God willing for anyone to go to hell?

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What state of mind does a person need to come to in order to avoid going to hell?

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*(John 17:3 page 159-160 nt) And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*

How is eternal life defined?

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Can eternal life be stated as a relationship?

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With whom is the relationship that is defined as eternal life?

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*(I John 5:12 page 339 nt) He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*

Who has eternal life?

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Who does not have eternal life?

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*(John 1:10-14, page 130-131 nt) He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*



The Lord Jesus Christ was in the world. Who made the world?

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Did the world of people recognize the Lord Jesus Christ as its maker?

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The Lord Jesus Christ was a Jew. Did the Lord Jesus Christ come to the Jews?

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Did the Jews on the whole receive Him as their God, King, Maker, and Savior?

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Did some of the Jews receive Him as their God, King, Maker and Savior?

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To those who did receive Him as their God, King, Maker and Savior what did the Lord Jesus Christ give them the power or authority to be called?

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What did those do who received the Lord Jesus Christ as their God, King, Maker and Savior?

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What is the difference between believing and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as God, King, Maker and Savior?

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When a person both believes and receives the Lord Jesus Christ as God, King, Maker and Savior, what happens to that person?

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Does the second birth happen to a person simply based on their blood line?

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Does the second birth happen to a person based on the strength of a third party's will?

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The Lord Jesus Christ is called "The Word." What happened to "The Word?"

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What did "The Word" do?

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What did we get to see when the Lord Jesus Christ was made flesh and dwelt among man?

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What two attributes of God the Father did we get to see when the Lord Jesus Christ came to earth?

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Write down what you have learned and what conclusions you have drawn about "How can a person avoid going to Hell?"

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**Matthew 13:41** *The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;*

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

**Matthew 13:43** *Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.*

**Matthew 25:46** *And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.*

**Revelation 20:14** *And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.*

***The Following Pictures Depict  
What Really Occurred***



***Keep in mind that these  
are real people...***



Friends...



Relatives...



Fathers...



Mothers...



Children...





Daughters...



Sons...



Sisters...



Brothers...



Grandfathers...



Grandmas...



Neighbors...





Co-workers...



and fellow human beings...

***What happened in Concentration  
Camps really occurred in WWII.***

***Hell is Far Worse than  
Concentration Camps.***

***The next time you feel tempted  
to joke about hell,  
think of these pictures.***

One of the most effective evangelists in history, Dwight L. Moody, said,

*"Don't preach about hell if you can do it without tears."*

Later on, Moody would preach a sermon on hell in most of his campaigns, but he did so lovingly.

R.W. Dale said that Moody was the only man he ever heard who had a right to preach on hell, because Moody could not preach it without shedding tears.

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AUGUST 31, 1873,  
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NEWINGTON.

*"I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh." Ezekiel 36:26*

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III. Let us dwell upon another point, that THIS TENDERNESS, WHEN IT IS GIVEN, IS OBSERVABLE UNDER SEVERAL ASPECTS. The man who has a heart of flesh given him becomes sensitive to fear. He trembles at the thought of a holy God in arms against him. **He no longer jokes about Hell and eternity, as so many do,** but he says, "My heart stands in awe of You and I am afraid of Your judgments."

## Notes:

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*Two Thieves...*

*Two Responses...*

*Two Destinies!*

*Luke 23:39-43*

*And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.*

*But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?*

*And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.*

*And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.*

*And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.*

