

IS ETERNAL HELL FOR REAL?

Luke 9:42-48

"Sanctify them
by the Truth.
Your Word is Truth"

I. Introduction

A. People sometimes portray hell as a party zone.

B. In the world, hell is a source of significant controversy.

C. "God is love, and the God I believe in would never send someone to hell!"

D. Hell is not a topic to be ignored.

II. What are some of the objections to the existence of Hell?

A. For the unbeliever, the main objection they have against hell is they say that it simply does not exist.

B. Believers who deny the existence of hell hold several views.

1. Some believe in annihilationism.

2. Another belief that denies the reality of hell is called Universalism, the belief that everyone will eventually be saved.

3. Another belief that denies the existence of Hell is the view that hell is the greatest of all evils.

III. The Reality of Hell.

- A. God created mankind for the best of all worlds.
- B. Love is the greatest good (Matt 22:36-37), but love is impossible without free choice.
- C. The crucifixion of Christ was both the greatest crime ever committed and the greatest gift God could give to mankind.
- D. An eternal realm without hell creates its own problems.
- E. The Bible teaches that both heaven and hell are very real places and that each person will eventually spend eternity in one of these two places.

IV. What are some other implications if there is no hell?

- A. If a person believes there is no hell, then he must question all the other doctrines of the church and the inerrancy of Scripture.
- B. God can forgive sin, but He can't condone it.

V. Conclusion

- A. A summarization of some of the things we've just talked about.
- B. At the final judgment one thing will be patently clear: God is fair.