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*For the Glory of God, and our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ.*

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“And the souls of the wicked are cast into hell,
where they remain in torments and utter dark-
ness.” –*The Westminster Confession*

Introduction

If you were to die today, where would you go, Heaven or Hell? Has anyone ever asked you that question? Have you ever really stopped to consider if Hell—and, for that matter, Heaven—is a real place?

According to LifeWay Research, only 54% of Americans, regardless of religious affiliation, believe there is a place called Hell where people will be punished forever. In contrast, according to Pew Research, upwards of 70% of the general population (and over 90% of religious people) believe there is a place called Heaven where people go when they die. Why is there such a disparity?

David Briggs, an author at the Association of Religion Data Archives, describes what he calls “hell anxiety.” He reported on research findings that most people don't believe they are going to Hell in an article for *Christianity Today*:

Just 13 percent of respondents said it was more

likely than unlikely they would go to hell.

Most respondents were able to place their understanding of hell in a broader perspective that protected against hell anxiety.

Some of the lessened fears around hell may be the result of factors such as the more religious people are, the less likely they will feel hell is in their future. That may be particularly true for individuals who envision it as a place of eternal torture.

Other explanations may include the human tendency not to focus on events far in the future, and to push negative outcomes from their minds as a coping mechanism.

In contrast, in addition to respondents who thought hell was a likely option, those experiencing the greatest hell anxiety were people who were more likely to believe their choices are determined by forces outside their control and those expressing fear of God.

As you can see, there is a lot of confusion over the subject of Hell. Where can we look for clarity on this subject? Is there an authoritative source that

can give us the facts about Hell, and, most importantly, how we can avoid going there? The authoritative source is God's Word, the Holy Bible.

The ancient Scriptures come down to us from God who breathed the truth about the world, humanity, and Himself through men who wrote down what God wanted us to know. The Bible not only tells us that Hell is real, but how we can escape Hell. And that is what this book will show you in seven steps. Let's begin.

“One great power of sin is that it blinds men so that they do not recognize its true character.”

—*Andrew Murray*

1

You Are A Sinner

In order to be saved from Hell, you must first accept the fact that you are a sinner. The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 7:20: “For there is not a just man upon earth that doeth good, and sinneth not.” Romans 3:23 says, “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”

No one would dispute that “good people” don't go to Hell. However, the Bible states that there are no “good people.” This is in stark contrast to what most of us believe today. Barna Research has found that 87% of non-Christians believe people are “basically good,” and 90% of Christians in mainline Protestant churches believe the same.

The difference in the Bible's position and the position of most people today is that the Bible interprets “good” much differently from what we interpret it. When we speak of a person being good, we mean that he or she does most of the right things most of the time. However, when the Bible

speaks of a person being “good” and “sinning not,” it means that a person is perfect, or has not sinned at all. Thus, by God's standards, the moment we do something wrong, no matter how small or insignificant we think it is, we have sinned greatly. And that single sin will cause us to miss out on Heaven and go to Hell.

Everybody has sinned; everybody has done something wrong. That is what Ecclesiastes 7:20 is telling us. There are no “just” or righteous people on earth who only do good and do not sin. God's standard of perfection means no sin at all. If you can manage to live without a single sin in word, thought, or deed, you can get into Heaven on your own merit. But, if you are honest with yourself, you will admit that you are a sinner. You have done things wrong. Romans 3:23 in the Bible says, “All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”

When Adam and Eve chose to disobey God, they delivered to all of their descendants—all seven billion of them alive today—a predisposition for

sin. Most of us sin before we even know what the word “sin” means. And, until we admit this to ourselves and confess this to God, and trust Christ as Saviour, we will be on the road to Hell.

“We have a strange illusion that mere time cancels sin. But mere time does nothing either to the fact or to the guilt of a sin. Every uncorrected error and unrepented sin is, in its own right, a fountain of fresh error and fresh sin flowing on to the end of time.” –*C.S. Lewis*

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There is a Penalty for Sin

In order to be saved from Hell, not only must you admit that you are a sinner, but you must realize that there is a penalty, or punishment, for sin. When someone does something that offends you, you want justice. You want them to pay a price. You may even want them to hurt in the same way that they hurt you. It is an innate human trait to demand justice for wrongdoing (and we sense this most strongly when the wrongdoing is against us).

But, what about when the wrongdoing is against God? (And all wrongdoing is against God.) If God's immutable standard is perfection, and we all have fallen short of that standard, what is a justified penalty or punishment? According to Romans 6:23, "The wages of sin is death..." Yes, the sentence for a single sin—a single instance of falling short of God's standard—is death.

What does it mean for the wages of sin to be death? Conrad Mbewe said:

This statement is telling us that sin has serious consequences. Paul figuratively uses the word “wages” to imply that this is something you are getting because you deserve it – you have, as it were, worked for it. Paul opens the salary bag of a sinner, and all he finds in there is death. Our first parents were warned about this in the Garden of Eden. They did not listen and the payment they got, which has become ours also by inheritance, was death. Yet, we do not only inherit this, but we also get paid when we “work” as we yield to temptation. This death, we must emphasize, is not just physical death but also eternal death – the second death— eternal damnation in Hell. That is what you will receive as payment when you live a life of sin!

The God of the Bible is holy and demands holiness from his creatures. He has given us consciences, his written law, and history to remind us of this reality. Where holiness is missing, his justice demands full payment. That is the only way you can explain Eden, Noah’s Flood, Sodom and Gomorrah, Israel’s captivity, and hell.

You feel justified when wrongdoing against you is

punished. Society feels justified when criminals are put in prison for their crimes or even when they are killed in the electric chair for killing someone else. In a similar manner, sins must be paid for. And because of the seriousness of sin in light of the holiness of God, the wages of sin is death which includes physical death and spiritual death in an eternal hell.

“Don't say that a loving God is going to send you to hell. He's not. The thing that's going to send you to hell is that you're a sinner and you don't want to admit it.” –*J. Vernon McGee*

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You Are On the Road to Hell

As touched on in the previous chapter, the wages of sin entail a two-pronged death. There is physical death—the kind where the body stops working or wears out and is put in a grave. Then, there is spiritual death—when the soul, the eternal part of you, is cut off from God and imprisoned forever in Hell.

Jesus talked about these two deaths when He said in Matthew 10:28, “And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” There are many things that can kill the body—weapons, disease, war, murder, natural disasters, suicide, time and chance. People die every day from an abundance of causes. Jesus is telling us that too many people are concerned about preserving their bodies while neglecting the destination of their souls.

The early church father Tertullian said of Jesus'

words, “Here we have a recognition of the natural immortality of the soul, which cannot be killed by men; and of the mortality of the body which may be killed.” If your soul is immortal, it will spend eternity somewhere. You—the real you—will be alive somewhere for eternity. And the Bible tells us that those who die in their sins without trusting Christ as Saviour will spend eternity in Hell.

In Scripture, Hell is sometimes referred to as a lake of fire. It is a place of heat, darkness, and mental and physical torment. Revelation 21:8 goes into greater detail when it says, “The fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”

Dr. Warren Wiersbe said, “This verse describes the people who were overcome by sin and would not trust the Lord. What is their destiny? The lake of fire! The fearful are the cowardly, the people who did not have the courage to stand up for

Christ. The word abominable means 'polluted,' and refers to those who indulged in sin and were thus polluted in mind, spirit, and body. The other characteristics mentioned need no special explanation.”

Hell is the destination for every sinner who does nothing about their own sinfulness. Even if you live a perfect life from this day forward, you will still end up in Hell because it is your sinful nature and your actual sins that set you on that path.

“Saving us is the greatest and most concrete demonstration of God’s love, the definitive display of His grace throughout time and eternity.” –

David Jeremiah

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You Cannot Save Yourself

If you want to be saved from Hell, you must accept the fact that you cannot do anything to save yourself. This is a hard pill to swallow. Most of us do not like to feel as if we are not in control. We like to be, as one poet famously said, the captain of our fate and the master of our soul. But when it comes to avoiding Hell, there is simply nothing we can do to save ourselves. The Bible says in Ephesians 2:8-9: “For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that *not of yourselves*: it is a gift of God. *Not of works*, lest any man should boast.”

What does it mean that salvation from Hell is 'not of ourselves'? It means that there is nothing within us that can deliver us from eternal punishment. It does not matter where you were born, what family you were born into, your status in life, your personality, your looks, your character traits, or your skills and abilities. None of that matters.

Neither do your 'works' matter. Many people have come to the conclusion that, at the end of their life, their good deeds will be weighed against their bad deeds, and if their good deeds outweigh their bad, they will get into Heaven. But that is not the case. There is nothing you can *do* that will help you avoid Hell.

Giving money to churches and charities won't do it. Going out of your way to care for others won't do it. Volunteering in disaster zones or hospitals or areas impacted by famine won't do it. Providing free services to the community won't do it. There is nothing—nothing—you can do that will deliver your soul from the second death in Hell.

The only way you can be saved is by the grace of God. But what is grace? I hope I can help you understand it.

B.B. Warfield said, “Grace is free sovereign favor to the ill-deserving.”

John Stott said, “Grace is love that cares and

stoops and rescues.”

Jerry Bridges said, “[Grace] is God reaching downward to people who are in rebellion against Him.”

Paul Zahl said, “Grace is unconditional love toward a person who does not deserve it.”

Justin Holcomb said, “A shorthand for grace is 'mercy, not merit.' Grace is the opposite of karma, which is all about getting what you deserve. Grace is getting what you don't deserve, and *not* getting what you do deserve. Christianity teaches that what we deserve is death with no hope of resurrection.”

What does all of this tell us about grace? It tells us that grace is not something we earn, not something we deserve but something we receive freely from God because of His love for us. And it is through God's grace that you can be saved through faith in Christ from Hell.

“The gospel that represents Jesus Christ, not as a system of truth to be received, into the mind, as I should receive a system of philosophy, or astronomy, but it represents him as a real, living, mighty savior, able to save me now.”

—*Catherine Booth*

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God Loves Us So Much He Did All He Could to Save Us from the Hell We All Deserve

With all the talk about sin, judgment, death, and Hell, this might come as a surprise to you, but God loves you. Despite your sins and failures, He loves you. He created you and wants the best for you. And the absolute best that He can give you is eternity with Himself in Heaven. Thus, He wants to save you from Hell. And He acted to do so.

John 3:16 says, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish [in Hell], but have everlasting life.”

In this verse, we see God loving the world. God loves each and every person who has ever lived on this planet. He loves us like a father loves his children. Even when a child is disobedient, or goes out and does something that brings shame on

the family, the father, deep down, still loves his child. When God looks down on the world, and sees this planet roiling in a river of crime, bloodshed, decadence, and immorality, He still loves us. The Bible says that God is love. He cannot help but love every single one of us.

Then, we see God acting on His love. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son..." Love compels people to do things. Have you ever wanted to buy a gift for somebody you loved? Have you ever felt the urge to tell someone that they are doing wrong and will only bring harm to themselves, not because you hate them, but because you love them? Have you ever felt the urge to step in and bear the brunt of a painful situation because you wanted to protect somebody you loved? God has those kinds of feelings too.

God looked down and saw the sinful condition of the world. He knew that if we continued on our path, we would all end up dead and in Hell, for the Bible says, "the soul that sinneth it shall die." So, God, seeing that we could not save ourselves, decided to step in and create a means to save us.

He does this by sending His only begotten Son Jesus Christ to live among us, experience life with us, and show us a better way to live. However, that is not the whole purpose for which Jesus came; we must not reduce Him to just that as some try to do. Jesus came to take our sins on himself, to suffer, and to die in our place. Jesus Christ suffered separation from God and punishment for our sins so that we would not have to if we would simply believe on Him.

“Since no man is excluded from calling upon God the gate of salvation is open to all. There is nothing else to hinder us from entering, but our own unbelief.” – selected

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Now, Here's What You Need to Do

Are you ready to be saved from Hell? You know that you are a sinner. You know that the wages of sin is death. You know that you are on your way to eternal punishment in Hell. And you know that you can do nothing to save yourself. That seems like a sad picture. But, now, you also know that God loves you so much that He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, to bear the death and Hell that we deserve.

Now, there is something you need to do. John 3:16 says "that whosoever believeth in [Jesus] should not perish, but have everlasting life." God took the first two actions—He loved and He gave. The word "whosoever" refers to you and me. This is something that we must do. We must "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." Do not worry about the 'not perishing' part or the 'having everlasting life' part; that is already built in. All you and I have to do is believe.

The word "believe" means to be persuaded of, to trust, or to have confidence in. That's it. When you trust someone completely, you will put your life in their hands. That is all God is asking you to do. Put your life in the hands of Jesus Christ. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

With these facts in mind, please repent of your sins, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and pray and ask Him to come into your heart and save you this very moment.

The Bible says in Romans 10:9, 13: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved...For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

“I have taken much pains to know everything that is esteemed worth knowing amongst men; but with all my reading, nothing now remains to comfort me at the close of this life but this passage of St. Paul: 'It is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.' To this I cleave, and herein do I find rest.” –*John Selden*

Make a Decision for Christ

If you are willing to trust Christ as your Saviour and be saved from Hell, please pray the following prayer, meaning it from your heart:

Heavenly Father, I realize that I am a sinner. For Jesus Christ sake, please forgive me of my sins. I now believe with all of my heart that Jesus Christ died for my sins, was buried, and rose again. Lord Jesus, please come into my heart and save my soul and change my life. Amen.

If you prayed that prayer and believed in your heart that Jesus Christ died on the Cross for your sins, was buried, and rose again you are now saved from Hell, based upon the Word of God, the Bible. Congratulations on doing the most important thing in life and that is trusting Jesus Christ and receiving Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, and now you are saved from Hell straight from the Bible, and on your way to Heaven, by

the grace of God!

For more information to help you grow in your newfound faith in Christ, go to GospelLightSociety.com and read "What To Do After You Enter Through the Door." Jesus Christ said in John 10:9, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

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