
WHY DOES GOD SEND PEOPLE TO HELL?

INTRODUCTION

“Hell is the highest reward that the devil can offer you for being a servant of his.”

– Billy Sunday

Revelation 20:14,15

I. UNDERSTANDING THE KEY WORD IN THE TITLE QUESTION

- _____ = The place of _____ punishment for those who know NOT Christ; the place of torment for the _____ person.
- A. There are two distinct _____ in the New Testament which have both been translated by the word “_____.”
 1. It is important to recognize the _____ in meaning of the two:
 2. One of these is, in the _____, “Hades” and is the present abode of the spirits of those who _____ without receiving Christ as their Savior.
 3. The other is “Gehenna,” a term used for the _____ and eternal abode of all _____ individuals.
- B. By contrast, the spirits of all who _____ “in Christ” (saved) go immediately to His presence in _____ (Philippians 1:21-23). They are “present with the Lord” (II Corinthians 5:8).

II. BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF BIBLE CHARACTERS WHO FACED THIS QUESTION

- A. The _____, Lazarus– Luke 16:20,21
 - B. The _____ man – Luke 16:19,22,23
 1. There is conscious _____ after death!
 2. The reality and _____ of hell!
 3. No second _____ after death!
 4. The impossibility the _____ communicating with the _____!
 5. A burden for _____ loved ones!
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III. WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU FEEL AS IF GOD SENDS PEOPLE TO HELL

- A. Just as Lazarus had a burden for his lost _____, we need a burden for unsaved _____ – II Corinthians 5:10,11,14
- B. Heaven is a place of _____ – Luke 16:25; Revelation 21:3-5
- C. When we endeavor to _____ lost people with the gospel, we need to use _____ – Psalm 19:7,8; Luke 16:29-31; Romans 10:17
- D. To be sure, God does _____ send people to Hell, their refusal to _____ Jesus is what condemns them – John 3:16,17