**Part 4 – Make it Make Sense**

**If God’s so good, why is there a hell?**

**What really happens when you die?**

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**I'm actually hoping to die soon. Regardless of the afterlife, I just want out of this garbage world.**

**Luke 16:19-31**

**The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried.**

**In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.**

**So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’**

**“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.**

**And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’**

**According to Jesus, there are only two final destinations after death: heaven or hell.**

**You don’t have to go to heaven. You don’t have to go to hell. But you will go to one of them.**

**If God’s so good, why is there a hell?**

**What was hell created for?**

**Matthew 25:41**

**Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, ‘Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons.’**

**God won’t force you into heaven.**

**For love to be love, it must be freely given.**

**God’s description of hell.**

**Revelation 21:8**

**But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.**

* **An eternal torment – Revelation 20:10**
* **A blazing furnace and eternal fire – Revelation 20:15**
* **A place of weeping and gnashing of teeth – Matthew 13:50**
* **A place with chains of darkness – 2 Peter 2:4-5**
* **A place where the worm that eats them never dies – Mark 9:48**

**Hell is a quarantine of evil.**

**Matthew 10:28**

**Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.**

* **Hell is where you are utterly and hopelessly separated from God.**

**R C Sproul – “A breath of relief is usually heard when someone declares, ‘Hell is a symbol for separation from God.”**

**To be separated from God for eternity is no great threat to the impenitent person. The ungodly want nothing more than to be separated from God.**

**Their problem in hell will not be separation from God, it will be the presence of God that will torment them in hell. God will be present in the fullness of His divine wrath.**

**He will be there to exercise His just punishment of the damned. They will know him as an all-consuming fire.”**

* **God doesn’t want anyone to perish in hell.**

**2 Peter 3:9**

**The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.**

* **From this moment on, you don’t have to fear death or hell!**
* **Jesus came to set you free from sin and the fear of death.**

**Hebrews 2:14-15**

**Because God’s children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood.**

**For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death.**

**Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.**

* **Heaven is where you will see the face of God!**

**1 John 3:2**

**Dear friends, we are already God’s children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.**

* **Heaven custom-built for you!**

**John 14:1-3**

**Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father’s home.**

**If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?**

**When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.**

**John 3:16-17**

**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

**For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.**

**Romans 6:23**

**For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**2 Corinthians 5:10**

**For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.**

**1 John 1:9**

**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**