

The Good News about Hell

Reconciling Hell with a God of Love

^{1,2} The traditional belief is that hell is **eternal torment** for Satan, his angels and unrepentant mankind. Proponents usually base this on verses like: “*And the devil...was thrown into the lake of fire...and they will be **tormented... forever and ever.***” [Rev 20:10](#) But the Greek word translated *forever* (Aionios) can be translated with other meanings elsewhere. So, what does the Bible really teach? Please note that salvation is not an issue here.

First, we must be crystal clear that there is a heaven to win and a hell to shun: “...*Sodom and Gomorrah...are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of **eternal fire.***” [Jude 1:7](#)



Ashes of Sodom and Gomorrah

& [2 Peter 2:6](#) But the fire is **not** still burning, so it must mean **eternal consequences**. Also note that they were **reduced to ashes**, not covered with them.

Those who have died are waiting in the grave for the future reward or judgment: “*So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather...all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, and will throw them into the furnace of fire;*” [Matt. 13:40-42](#)

“...*all who are in the tombs will hear His voice...those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.*” [John 5:28-29](#) & [2 Peter 2:9](#)

“*But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be...with fire...the **second death.***” [Rev 21:8](#) & [Rev 20:9](#) **The dead can't suffer.**

“...*like stubble, fire burns them...there will be no coal to warm by nor a fire to*



sit before!” [Isa 47:14](#) Once the fire has done its work, it goes out.

“...*I have turned you [Satan] to ashes...in the eyes of all who see you...and you will cease to be forever.*” [Ezc 28:18-19](#) & [Rev 20:10](#) This is annihilation, which is also clearly indicated here: “...*all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and...will set them ablaze,... so that **it will leave them neither root nor branch.** But for you who fear My name... You will tread down the wicked...**they will be ashes under... your feet...***” [Mal 4:1-3](#)

“...*the heavens will...be destroyed with intense heat, and **the earth and its works will be burned up.***” [2 Peter 3:10](#)

“...*the wicked man will be no more;*

and you will look carefully for his place and he will not be there.” [Psalm 37:9-10](#) & [2 Thes 1:8-9](#) & [Psalm 21:9](#)

“But the wicked will perish...like smoke they vanish away.” [Psalm 37:20](#) & [Job 21:30](#) & [Psalm 73:18-20](#)

“...‘As I live!’ declares the Lord God, ‘I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live...’ [Eze 33:11](#) & [Luke 9:56](#)

“...I saw a new heaven and a new earth...new Jerusalem...and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain...” [Rev 21:1-4](#) *“...the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.”* [Isa 65:17](#) So there can be **no torment forever.**

“...He will make a complete end of it. Distress will not rise up twice.” [Nahum 1:9](#) *“... ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;”* [Matt 25:41](#)

So it seems clear that the Bible teaches that the ungodly will **not** be tormented in hell forever, but rather will be annihi-

lated in a “brief fire,” thus cleansing the world of all sin and rebellion. This is mainly an Adventist doctrine, but I believe they are correct.

*“Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is **able to destroy both soul and body in hell.**”* [Matt 10:28](#)

You don't want to experience destruction by fire or the second death. Most important of all, **the salvation of your soul** is personal between you and God and does not depend on rites, clerics, traditions, good works, or belonging to any church or religion: *“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works...”* [Eph 2:8-9](#)

No matter what kind of person you are or what you have done: *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* [1 John 1:9](#) Pray today to put your faith in Jesus Christ alone: *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”* [John](#)

[3:16](#) Then study the Bible to live pleasing to God: *“...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.”*

[2 Cor. 5:17](#)

Please pray like this with all sincerity: “Dear Lord Jesus, I confess I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died to forgive my sins and rose from the dead. I trust and follow you as my Lord and Savior. Please guide my life and help me to do your will. In the name of my Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.”

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