

# Hell Is Real And Many People Are Going There

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There is no Biblical reason for anyone to deny the existence of hell. However, there are many false teachers who deny hell's existence, and the reason for this is not only because they want to escape it, but also, it's not a pleasant subject to discuss, and many pastors avoid the subject because preaching on such things doesn't bring it a lot of donations.

**hell (n): the place or state of punishment for the wicked after death; called in Hebrew sheol, and by the Greeks, hades**

(See 'hell', *American Dictionary of the English Language*, Noah Webster, 1828, retrieved Aug 1, 2018, [webstersdictionary1828.com])

The reason I'm publishing this article is not to make you feel good around yourself, your family, or your friends. This is a serious matter that concerns the souls of all mankind. The purpose of this article is to warn you, your family, and your friends that hell is real, the Bible is not a book to be taken lightly, and that's God's Word is settled forever; meaning that the existence of hell is not going to be changed by your personal feelings and opinions.

*[For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.](#)* -Psalm 119:89

*[Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.](#)* -Matthew 24:35

The Lord God talks about hell many times, and that the wicked would end up in it. As we'll see later, the Lord Jesus Christ warns us about it as well.



*[The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.](#)* -Psalm 9:17

*[Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.](#)* -Psalm 55:15

The following verses are describing thieves and robbers who steal food and water:

*[Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant. But he knoweth not that the dead are there: and that her guests are in the depths of hell.](#)* -Proverbs 9:17-18

Hell, and the destruction that is in hell, are never so full that it cannot take in more souls:

*[Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.](#)* -Proverbs 27:20

Hell grows as it swallows up men of pride and respect of persons, standing on pretense instead of humbling themselves before the Lord God. Those who glorify themselves shall be brought low, but the lowly of heart will be lifted up.

*[Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.](#)* -Isaiah 5:14

*[For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.](#)* -Luke 14:11

*[Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.](#)* -Isaiah 14:9

The Lord God has stated clearly that He casts wicked men into hell:

*I made the nations to shake at the sound of his [Pharaoh's] fall, when I cast him down to hell with them that descend into the pit: and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, shall be comforted in the nether parts of the earth. They also went down into hell with him unto them that be slain with the sword; and they that were his arm, that dwelt under his shadow in the midst of the heathen.*

*-Ezekiel 31:16-17*

*The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of hell with them that help him: they are gone down, they lie uncircumcised, slain by the sword.* -Ezekiel 32:21

When it says they lie "uncircumcised," don't misunderstand this to think that a physical circumcision is required to avoid the clutches of hell. Hell is reserved for those who are uncircumcised in their hearts (Deu 10:16, Deu 30:6), meaning that they have not humbled themselves before God in the grief and godly sorrow of repentance, and through faith in His mercy (in the New Testament, the mercy of Christ), sanctify themselves from wickedness.

(Read "[The Biblical Understanding of Circumcision](#)" & "[Is Repentance Part of Salvation?](#)" here at creationliberty.com for more details.)

Later, we'll get into the false doctrines taught in popular mainstream church-ianity about hell, but first, let's make sure we understand the details about it defined in Scripture. The Lord Jesus Christ taught us that hell is a place of great heat with fire, and that is it a place where "*the worm dieth not.*"

*And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.*

*-Mark 9:43-48*

I'll address the worm in a moment, but hell contains eternal fire, which cannot never be put out. The Lord Jesus Christ told us of a certain beggar named Lazarus and a wicked rich man who went to hell, and was tormented by the unending heat:

*There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.* -Luke 16:19-24

This was no parable; Christ told us about a real event that took place. When I was young, I once attended a church building in which they had a Halloween event setup for people to experience hell, and it was a room that was pitch black and set with air conditioners to make it really cold, but it was all a lie from churchgoers that don't heed the Word of God.

The fact is that hell is a very hot place with fires that cannot be put out, and that those who go there will be tormented with great heat forever.

Concerning the worm, this is where it gets really interesting because, sadly, many preachers, in their ignorance of Scripture, have taken this to mean a literal worm, like an insect. Jesus is repeating what was prophesied by Isaiah:

*And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.*

*-Isaiah 66:24*

This is not to be understood that the worms which consume their carcasses will not die, because all heaven and earth shall pass away, as Jesus already told us, but rather, this is in the figurative sense. The word 'worm' actually has quite a few different meanings that most people are not aware of, as we can see from Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary in the context of Mark 9:

**worm (n): remorse; that which incessantly gnaws the conscience, that which torments**

(See 'worm', *American Dictionary of the English Language*, Noah Webster, 1828, retrieved Aug 1, 2018, [webstersdictionary1828.com])

A similar definition can still be found in modern dictionaries:

**worm (n): something that penetrates, injures, or consumes slowly or insidiously, like a gnawing worm**

(See 'worm', *Random House Dictionary*, 2018, [dictionary.com]; See also *Collins English Dictionary*, 10th Edition, William Collins Sons & Co, 2012)

The word 'worm' is used in this way in the book of Job:

*I have said to corruption, Thou art my father: to the worm, Thou art my mother, and my sister. And where is now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it? They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when our rest together is in the dust. -Job 17:14-16*

The 'worm' that Jesus talks about in hell is the torment of the mind; meaning that the remorse and guilt of their sin will plague them for eternity. Everything they had ever done wrong, every opportunity they had repent and acknowledge the truth, every person they sinned against; all these things will play over and over again in their minds forever, as a worm that bores into their skull, and never dies.

**torment (n): extreme pain, anguish, the utmost degree of misery, either of body or mind**

(See 'torment', *American Dictionary of the English Language*, Noah Webster, 1828, retrieved Aug 1, 2018, [webstersdictionary1828.com])

Hell is an everlasting torment of pain, which these souls will be able to feel. The wicked men who worship the beast and take the mark in Revelation 14 will end up in the hell, filled with smoke of their torment for ever, never to know the ease of rest again.

*The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.*

*-Revelation 14:10-11*

When the wicked stand before the Judgment Seat of God, they give an account for everything they have ever said, thought, or done, and when they are found guilty without the blood of Christ as payment for their sin, they will be cast into hell. This casting of the wicked to burn in hell for eternity will glorify God and His Word, but the Bible also says that He takes no pleasure in doing this:

*Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?*

*-Ezekiel 33:11*



The Lord God is a judge, as a judge, He will see that justice is done against the wickedness of men, but praise God that He is merciful to those who come in humility of repentance (i.e. grief and godly sorrow of wrongdoing), and believe on the blood payment of the Lord Jesus Christ for their sins.

*And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not. -Nehemiah 9:17*

However, if the thought of this hell scares you, that's good, even if you are born again in Christ. The fearfulness of hell is the fear of the judgment of God, and to fear Him is the foundation of wisdom and understanding.

*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. -Matthew 10:28*

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction. -Proverbs 1:7*

*For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: -Proverbs 1:29*

*And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him. -Luke 12:4-5*

The Bible also indicates that hell is downward, beneath us, somewhere deep in the center of the earth we live on. We have already read some of this, like from Ezekiel 31, in which the wicked are "cast down to hell" to "descend into the pit," and the following verses are more examples of this:

*For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains. -Deuteronomy 32:22*

*It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know? -Job 11:8*

*Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them. -Psalm 55:15*

*For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell. -Psalm 86:13*

*If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. -Psalm 139:8  
(i.e. This indicates hell is descending, moving down; the opposite of ascending.)*

*Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell. -Proverbs 5:5*

*Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death. -Proverbs 7:27*

*But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell. -Proverbs 9:18  
(i.e. Depth means deepness, or that which is measured beneath.)*

*The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath. -Proverbs 15:24*

*Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it. -Isaiah 5:14*

*Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. -Isaiah 14:9*

Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. -Isaiah 14:15

And thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers far off, and didst debase thyself even unto hell. -Isaiah 57:9  
(i.e. Debase means to move from that which is higher to that which is lower.)

And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.  
-Matthew 11:23

And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell. -Luke 10:15

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; -2 Peter 2:4

Obviously, hell is downward, and there should be no arguments with that fact after all these verses; however, to further indicate the location of hell being in the earth itself, we'll need to look at some other Scripture. To preface Matthew 12, wicked men of Israel are demanding signs from Christ to prove His status as Messiah:

But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.  
-Matthew 12:39-40

**heart (n): the inner part of any thing; the middle part or interior; as the heart of a country, kingdom or empire; the heart of a town; the heart of a tree**

(See 'heart', *American Dictionary of the English Language*, Noah Webster, 1828, retrieved Aug 2, 2018, [webstersdictionary1828.com])

So what Christ is telling them is that, when He died, He would be in the heart, or center, of the earth for three days before He would raise Himself from the dead (*John 2:19*). If we compare that to other verses, we start to get more details:

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. -1 Peter 3:18-20

Christ went to preach to those disobedient men and women who died during the days of Noah, and the Bible also tells us that "every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually," which means He preached to those in the prison of hell. As we can see, hell is a place beneath us in the center of the earth, and that is where the souls of the wicked (who die without Christ's blood on their account) spend eternity in everlasting torment.

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth [those who are dead and buried] shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. -Daniel 12:2

The Lord Jesus Christ also said that many enter the wide gate of destruction that leads to hell:

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. -Matthew 7:13-14

Notice that Jesus did *NOT* say few would go to hell and many would go to heaven. He said *FEW* would go to heaven, and *MANY* would end up in hell. Furthermore, He also said that *MANY* would call Him "Lord," because they were churchgoers who thought they were good Christians, but they would be rejected away from Christ to be cast into hell.

*Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. -Matthew 7:21-23*

There are a large number of people in this world, especially churchgoers, who think they're on their way to heaven because they "accepted Jesus." They give lip service to Christ, but in their hearts, they are far from Christ, and if you would like to learn more about that subject, I highly recommend the follow articles here at creationliberty.com:

[Is Repentance Part of Salvation?](#)

[False Converts vs Eternal Security](#)

[The Biblical Understanding of Sanctification](#)

Now that we have a Biblical understanding of the details of hell in the Bible, let's look at what new-age heretics are teaching, starting with wolf in sheep's clothing Rick Warren:

*"I believe in a literal hell. Jesus believed in a literal hell,' he stated. And once you're in, you can't get out, he affirmed. While expressing belief in the flames and fire that Jesus talked about when describing hell, Warren added, **To me, hell is an eternal separation from God. It's ultimate loneliness.**"*

-Rick Warren, quoted by Audrey Barrick, "What Rick Warren Believes About Salvation, Eternal Life," *The Christian Post*, May 28, 2011, retrieved Aug 2, 2018, [https://bit.ly/2AGsElc]

First, Jesus didn't "believe" in a literal hell; hell simply exists. Since the Son and the Father are one, Jesus *KNEW* of hell; He didn't need to have faith in it.

Secondly, Warren starts off his answer with "to me," which is him giving his personal opinion. Frankly, I don't care what Rick Warren believes; I care about what the Word of God teaches.

(Read "[Wolves in Costume: Rick Warren](#)" here at creationliberty.com for more details.)

Thirdly, hell is not separation from God, as we read earlier. God is still present because His Word and will maintain the existence of hell for all eternity. God is omnipresent, meaning that He is all places at all times at the same time, and so to say that God's presence is not in hell makes no sense.

The existence of the spirits of men and angels persists by the will of God and His Word, and therefore, so does hell itself persist by His Word, and again, to say that God's presence is not there in hell to maintain it for all eternity makes no sense from a Biblical perspective.

*If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. -Psalm 139:8*



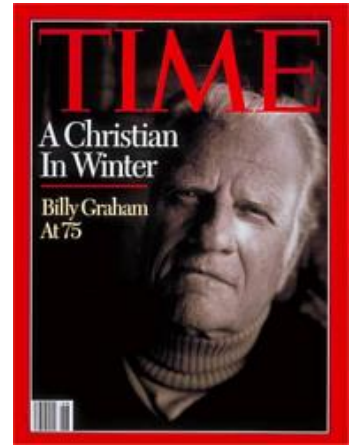
Finally, Warren claims that hell is the "*ultimate loneliness*," which, once again, is not Biblically sound. Earlier, we read from Ezekiel 32, in which God had Ezekiel address Pharaoh, and all those who were men allied with Pharaoh, his governors and his soldiers, would speak to him while they were all suffering in hell together:

*The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of hell with them that help him: they are gone down, they lie uncircumcised, slain by the sword. -Ezekiel 32:21*

Hell will not be the "*ultimate loneliness*." There will be many people there to keep Rick Warren company, as they speak to one another in their inescapable, never-ending torment.

False evangelist Billy Graham also taught that hell was not a literal fire, but before I begin, it should be noted that later in his life, he did teach that hell was literal fire and torment. However, before that time, for most of his life, Graham taught that hell was only a "thirst for God."

***"The only thing I could say for sure [i.e. Graham is certain of the following statement] is that hell means separation from God. We are separated from his light, from his fellowship. That is going to be hell. When it comes to a literal fire, I don't preach it because I'm not sure about it. When the scripture uses fire concerning hell, that is possibly an illustration of how terrible it's going to be—not fire but something worse, a thirst for God that cannot be quenched."***



-TIME, "Of Angels, Devils and Messages From God," Vol. 142, No. 20, Nov 15, 1993, p. 97, [content.time.com/time/magazine/0,9263,7601931115,00.html]

Graham confirmed this believe in his book two years later:

***"Jesus used this symbol [fire] over and over. I believe that it means a thirst for God that is never quenched."***

-Billy Graham, *Storm Warning*, Thomas Nelson Incorporated, 1995, p. 275, ISBN: 9780849936814

The problem is that, over and over, false preachers use fire as a symbol instead of literal. However, the Bible uses it literally, as the heat from this fire is demonstrated when Jesus tells about Lazarus, and the rich man who went to hell, which we read earlier, but I'll quote it again:

***And in hell he [the rich man] lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.*** -Luke 16:23-24

Sadly, Graham believed and taught doctrine that all men are going to heaven, and that everyone really "believes in Jesus" even if they don't realize it. When Graham died, he went to judgment, and was sentenced to the fire of hell for eternity with all the wicked, worldly unbelievers he yoked together with.

(Read "[Wolves in Costume: Billy Graham](#)" here at creationliberty.com for more details; It should also be noted that Graham, like most "pastors" today, never repent and confess of their false doctrines, they just slyly change them without telling anyone.)

The false doctrine gets more extreme when we listen to wicked "pastor" Joyce Meyer: [<https://youtu.be/LIurILWa3sU>]

**MEYER:** *"The devil thought he had him. The devil thought he'd won. Aww--they were having the biggest party that's ever been had. They had my Jesus on the floor, and they were standing on his back jumping up and down laughing. And he had become sin. Don't you think that God was pacing, wanting to put a stop to what was going on?! All the host of hell were up on him! Up on him. Up! On! Him! The angels are in agony, all the creation is groaning. All the host of hell was upon him. Up on him! They got on him! They got him down in the floor and got on him! And they were laughing! And mocking! AH HA HA HA! You trusted god and look where you ended up! You thought he'd save you and get you off that cross! He didn't! HA HA HA!"*

(Read "[Wolves in Costume: Joyce Meyer](#)" here at creationliberty.com for more details.)

The first thing that needs to be addressed is that Joyce Meyer has no business being a pastor. It's not that women cannot teach, but women do *NOT* have teaching/leadership authority over the church specifically. Meyer ignores God's instructions to women because, in her heart, she hates the Christian God of the Bible, and rebels against His authority.

(Read "[Can Women Be Pastors?](#)" & "[Feminism: Satan's Plan to Destroy Your Family](#)" here at creationliberty.com for more details.)

*Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. -1 Timothy 2:11-12*



Meyer reaffirms her belief in a book she wrote called *The Most Important Decision You Will Ever Make*. In her 2008 edition, she removes many of these statements because she started losing followers, but if you go back to her 1991 and 1996 editions, you can find her real beliefs:

*"Whatever it took to get God's people back, free again, is what they would do.*

***Jesus paid for our sins on the cross and went to hell in our place."***

-Joyce Meyer, *The Most Important Decision You Will Ever Make*, Harrison House Inc, 1996, p. 41, ISBN: 9780892749409

***"There is no hope of anyone going to heaven unless they believe this truth I am presenting. You cannot go to heaven unless you believe with all your heart that Jesus took your place in hell."***

-Joyce Meyer, *The Most Important Decision You Will Ever Make*, Harrison House Inc, 1991, p. 37, ISBN: 9780892749409

We already went over the fact that Jesus went to hell for the express purpose of preaching to spirits in prison ([1Pe 3:18-19](#)), so where exactly is she getting all this from? Where did she get an interpretation that devils were jumping up and down on Christ's back and laughing, and that you can't get to heaven unless you believe that?

The answer is that she didn't get any interpretation of these things from Scripture, but rather, she's a story-teller, just like every other typical church-ianity preacher out there, who gives charismatic speeches to impress a listening audience so they can make merchandise out of them and turn a large profit.

*Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. -Romans 16:17-18*

*And many shall follow their pernicious [destructive] ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. -2 Peter 2:2-3*

Meyer also believes that the Devil (i.e. Satan/Lucifer) is in hell, but that the modern-day, mainstream concept. The Bible tells us that Satan will be brought down to hell eventually, but for the time being, he's roaming the earth:

*How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. -Isaiah 14:12-15*

Satan will eventually end up in hell, but for now, he's still on the earth, leading people along the wide path to destruction, and giving plenty of wealth to his ministers (e.g. Warren, Graham, Meyer, etc.) When Satan came to tempt Christ in the wilderness ([Mat 4:1](#)), most people have this false idea in their mind that Satan left hell to go do this, but that is based on the assumption that hell is owned and operated by Satan.

Satan does not oversee hell; the Lord God oversees hell, and though Christ did become sin for our sakes ([2Co 5:21](#)), He did *NOT* know sin, and therefore, there is no Scriptural reasoning that Christ, being the glorified Son of God, would have suffered in hell at the hands of these feeble fallen angels in prison.

The Seventh-Day Adventists (SDA) also believe in heresy concerning hell; they think that hell is just a place where people go to be burned out of existence. This is a doctrine they call "annihilation," meaning that they want to believe the people in hell cease to exist once they are tossed into the fire, as stated by *SDAnet*, which is owned and operated by members of the SDA Church:



*"So the Bible makes it very clear that the punishment, not the punishing, is everlasting—is the second death. From this punishment there is no resurrection; its effects are eternal. Archbishop William Temple was right when he asserted, 'One thing we can say with confidence: Everlasting torment is to be ruled out.'"*

-SDAnet, "The Millenium and the End of Sin," retrieved Aug 3, 2018, [sdanet.org/atissue/books/27/27-26.htm]

As we've already read in Scripture, this makes no sense. When Jesus told us of Lazarus and Abraham, why was the rich man in hell still suffering? Why did he not cease to exist?

Earlier in Daniel, we read that the wicked awake from death to everlasting *CONTEMPT*, which is shame and disgrace. However, if they cease to exist, then they can't be under everlasting shame and disgrace, which means either God is lying; someone is wrong, and the Bible tells us who it is:

*In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; -Titus 1:2*

SDAs claim that the fire is everlasting, but the punishment is not everlasting. Such new-age false doctrines seek to take away the real punishment, that which causes men to fear God, and since SDAs (who are not of Christ because of their anti-Christ doctrines) are on their way to hell without Christ, I'm sure such a doctrine makes them feel better about themselves.

However, the punishment is continual; it never ends:

*And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. -Matthew 25:46*

There is only one way for mankind to avoid the everlasting punishment of hell, and that is to repent (i.e. grief and godly sorrow of wrongdoing) and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, to have His blood paid on their account.

The world (e.g. Catholics, Adventists, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, etc) believes that if someone does good deeds, they go to heaven, but if they do bad deeds, they go to hell, but this is wrong. Justification (which is the remission of sin and absolution from guilt) in the eyes of God *CANNOT* be achieved by doing good deeds.

*Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. -Romans 3:20*

This is because all men have fallen short of righteousness:

*As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. -Romans 3:10-12*

There is only one way to gain the righteousness required for eternal life, and that is through the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. -John 14:6*

There are many who teach and believe that because God is love (1Jo 4:8), that a loving God would never throw anyone in hell. That's like saying that a judge would never throw a criminal in jail; it is because the judge loves the people, and cares for them, that he does his job to punish evildoers, and likewise, the Lord God punishes the wicked.

*The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. -Psalm 9:17*

Since all men are wicked, all men deserve hell, and only those few who come to repentance and faith in Christ will be saved.

Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. -2 Corinthians 7:9-10

(Read "[Is Repentance Part of Salvation?](#)" here at [creationliberty.com](#) for more details.)

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. -Romans 10:10

Hell is real, and it is terrifying, but God hates sin, and hell is the place He created and preserved for all those who choose to justify their sin instead of repent of their sin. That's the number one reason why so many false doctrines are taught about the horrors of hell; the Devil is trying to get mankind to believe that hell is not so bad, so they won't consider the consequences of their sin and make a fanciful excuse.

And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. -Luke 16:15

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? -Jeremiah 17:9

No man can avoid judgment, and only Christ can save them from the fires of hell. Consider and judge yourselves because all of us only have (at most) a few decades on this earth before we die and face judgment.

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: -Hebrews 9:27

The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing [tears of grief] and gnashing of teeth [furious anger]. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. -Matthew 13:41-43

As a final note, hell, and all those therein, will be cast into the lake of fire for all eternity, which means hell, as hot as it already is, will get worse when the events of Revelation 20 come to pass:

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

-Revelation 20:10-15

But 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. -Revelation 21:8

