

Today is Sunday July 21, 2021

**The most unpopular, hated and feared teaching in
the entire Bible!**

(Brian Schwertley, "The Biblical Doctrine of Hell Examined")

"The rich man also died and was buried. In Hell, where he was in torment . . ."
Luke 16:22-23

The doctrine of eternal punishment is probably the most unpopular, hated and feared teaching in the entire Bible. The thought of people burning in Hell for eternity is most repugnant to the human mind.

Yet in spite of the terrifying nature of the doctrine, and in spite of the fact that people find the idea of everlasting torment revolting, the strongest support of the doctrine comes from the lips of Jesus Christ. Think of it: the most terrifying imagery and detailed descriptions of Hell are found in the discourses of the Redeemer! Jesus continually warned men and women of the danger of going to Hell. Jesus Christ, who foretold that He would come again to judge the entire human race, spoke more about Hell and its terrors than all the prophets and apostles combined. To ignore and disregard the clear teaching of Jesus, is to deny Christ.

The Bible sets before us many differing aspects of the torments in Hell as a warning. The torments of Hell help us to understand how much God hates sin. Oh what dreadful torments await those who die without Christ!

"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in Hell." Matthew 10:28

"They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth!" Matthew 13:42

"Then He will say to those on His left: Depart from Me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels!" Matthew 25:41



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Our Prayer List

"Pray without ceasing."

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Sister Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Tyler Castle, Danny Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ricky Henderson and Family, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Jerry Hughes, Shirley King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, Shane and Brook Sims, Ricky Bennett, Nick, Madison, and Baby Emory Patty, and Russell York, Brother Medic, Sister Mhalyn Lavina and children, Brother Jerry Dodson, Brother Gary and Sister White, Brother David and Sister Jevonna O'Neal, Sister Rebecca Sidders.

Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Act 1:8

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania, and the Berea Baptist Banner Mantachie, Ms

“Pastor’s thought for the week.”

“Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;” 1 Peter 5:2

A Zeal for God Does Not Save a Human Soul.

Romans 10:1-4 *“Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.”*

God’s plan for our salvation could not be any clearer, God saves sinners, and that salvation is in His own Son Jesus. A person cannot read the word of God without seeing this truth, in the New or Old Testament. Israel is no different than all other people in this world, “you must work for your salvation.” While Israel may have so many customs and ordinances that the rest of the world does not have, their thinking is the same. All forms of salvation as taught by the world are backwards to God’s gift of salvation. God said, “Not of works, lest any man should boast” Eph. 2:9 therefore, salvation is not of works, not one single part of it. Paul said of his beloved Israel, “For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.” The word “zeal” means, “an enthusiastic ardor for any person or cause.” As Webster’s 1828 dictionary defined the word zeal “zeal is an eagerness of desire to accomplish or obtain some object, and it may be manifested either in favor of any person or thing” Salvation is not a passion, it is not the desire of the human heart, therefore it is not something people desire or want. What Israel and most of the world wants is a religious zeal, something obtainable within themselves and by their works. True Christianity, real salvation is not humanly obtainable, this is why God said about salvation, “that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.” True salvation is not a human zeal it is rather a gift from God. The human heart is not where you find salvation, unless our dead spirit is quickened by the Holy Spirit a person will never desire true salvation. The human spirit is dead, it has no life in it because it died in the fall. The reason people believe on their works for salvation is because they do not know Jesus Christ, they have not been blessed with true salvation. Therefore, they seek their own salvation that excludes God’s gift, God’s power and Jesus Christ righteousness, and it is replaced with their zeal for a salvation they earn by works of some sorts.

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This zeal they have is “a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge”. Paul went on to write, they “have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.” The righteousness of God does not include a human zeal or a human work, it includes only God’s grace. Grace says we are saved, this is why God said, it is by grace and not of ourselves because salvation is a gift and not a reward for works. The word’s “not of yourself” which is boasting, and boasting is excluded from God’s gift of salvation. Paul wrote in Romans 3:27 & 28 “Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore, we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.” Paul went on to write in Romans 4:2 that Abraham was not saved by works which included customs and ordinances “For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God.” Works for salvation is a zeal of God, but not according to true knowledge. Works puts the glory for salvation in a person and grace puts all glory in God making salvation a gift and not a zeal. *“And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.”* Romans 11:6

Church information and Happenings

Our Bible Conference is coming, September 13th & 14th

Our speakers are:

- **Pastor Ronnie Miller,**
Divide Baptist Church, Sulphur Springs, Tx.
- **Pastor Larry Wilson,**
Northside Baptist Church, Oakdale, La.
- **Pastor Robert Keller,**
Grace Bible Baptist Church Denham Springs, La.
- **Pastor Kelley Hinson,**
Landmark Sovereign Grace Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tx
- **Pastor Joey Newell,**
Sovereign Grace Baptist Church, Silsbee, Tx
- **Pastor Joseph Sidders,**
Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Tulsa, OK
- **Pastor Jimmy Nelson,**
Landmark Baptist Church, Haltom City, Texas