

“HEAVEN AND HELL ARE REAL”

John 14:2-3; Mark 9:47-48 and other Scriptures

Examining what you really believe about human beings' eternal destinies

LET'S GET STARTED

While it might seem a sure thing that all professing Christians believe that heaven and hell are literal places, the truth is that many in the pews on Sunday do not. Yet, to reject belief in a literal heaven and hell brings consequences that strike at the very heart of Christianity.

This message is intended to get you thinking about what you really believe about heaven and hell.

LET'S HEAR THE WORD

John 14:2-3—²“In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”

Mark 9:47-48—⁴⁷“And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where ‘their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’ . . .”

- The New Testament speaks about heaven and hell in _____ terms.
- Jesus clearly taught that heaven and hell are _____.
“ . . . if it were not so, I would have told you.”
- Christianity without heaven would hardly be _____.
if only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men (1 Corinthians 15:9).

Quotable

Despite the Bible's clear teaching of both heaven and hell, it is not unusual for people to believe in the reality of heaven while rejecting the reality of hell.

In part, this is due to wishful thinking. It's easier to accept the idea of a “nice” afterlife, but damnation isn't quite so appealing.

—Michael Houdmann

The rejection of Christianity's historic teaching on hell has come swiftly in our culture. It is now routinely dismissed as an embarrassing artifact from an ancient age—a reminder of Christianity's outdated worldview.

—Albert Mohler

If you would like to know more

One Minute After You Die, by Irwin Lutzer (Moody Publishers), 2015

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How disbelieving in heaven and hell undermines Christianity

- It _____ the _____ of other teachings in Scripture.

Luke 16:24—“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.’”

- It undercuts the _____ of Christ’s atonement.

Colossians 2:13-15—¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

- It demotivates Christians from _____ the _____ 6543.

Hebrews 10:26-27—²⁶ If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, ²⁷ but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

LET’S LIVE IT

The fact that heaven and hell are real should motivate us to share the Gospel with unbelievers. If we truly believe these places are what the Bible presents them to be, let’s act upon our belief by telling others the good news of Jesus Christ!

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