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Title: Is Hell Real? Since It Is How Can a Loving God Send People There?

Revelation 20:11-15

### **A description of the place called Hell.**

Gehenna, Lake of fire, gnashing of teeth, abyss, where decay is continual, torments, thirst, loneliness, separation, memory, suffering, pain, eternal judgment.

### **Hell was created for Satan and his followers.**

**Matthew 25:41** - "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.

### **Testimony of the Bible states that Hell is real.**

The Bible clearly affirms the reality of hell (Revelation 20: 11-15).

### **Jesus warns us about Hell.**

Matthew 25:31-46

There are over 162 references in the Christian Scriptures (New Testament) that warn of Hell.

Over 70 of these references are attributed to Jesus.

According to the gospels, Jesus spoke more on Hell than on any other subject.

### **The Church has always taught the reality of Hell.**

Doctrines are based on teaching of Hell in the Bible.

### **Morally appropriate for the punishment of sinners.**

### **The doctrine of Hell is Unchanged by our biases.**

### **HOW CAN GOD SEND PEOPLE WHO HAVE NEVER HEARD OF CHRIST TO HELL?**

God does not send people to hell they send themselves.

**John 3:18** - Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

God's will is that none should perish.

**I Timothy 2:4** - who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

God provided the sacrifice of His only Son to keep us from Hell.

**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.

## **Who will end up in 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—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

## **What must we do?**

### **Preach the Gospel**

### **Pray for Souls to be Saved**

### **Plead with People to Repent**

### **Persuade them of the urgency to accept Christ Now.**

**II Corinthians 5:11-21** - 11 Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. 12 We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. 13 If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. 14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. 16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.