

HELL?  YES!

*IN DEFENCE
OF THE DOCTRINE
OF
ETERNAL TORMENT IN HELL*

2Pe.2:4 - Re.20:10 to 15
Mt.25:31,32,33 & 41 & 46



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It seems as though in every generation there comes certain doctrines to cause a disturbance among some of the Lord's children. The "No Hell" doctrine is one of these doctrines. The first I ever heard of such a doctrine was in the 1950-1955 time frame. At that time I was attending services in the churches scattered up and down the Georgia-Alabama line. The first man that I heard preach that there was no "hell", caused me to think, maybe I misunderstood him. I later went to see him about it and took other ministers with me, and sure enough, I did not misunderstand him. He said "I find no evidence of eternal hell taught in the Bible". After trying to convince him of his error, he succeeded in convincing us that he was not willing to change his position. I asked him not to come expecting to preach in the church where I was pastoring until God would show him the error of his doctrine. Since then I have heard some references made to the "No Hell" doctrine from time to time. It seemed to be very quietly maintained by only a few, with pockets of the teaching along with the "Non- Resurrection Of The Body" doctrine but I have only come in contact with a few people who maintain that to be truth.

It seems to have reared it's ugly head again with quite a strong following in the original area where I first heard of it, and is causing quite a disturbance among some of the ministers and Churches of that area. I have all confidence the good Elders and Churches are able to deal with it in a correct way. I did find it disturbing after so long a time and I suppose that is what has prompted me to write this little booklet on the subject.

Define The Word Hell:

(All taken from dictionaries of Greek and Hebrew words by James Strong, S.T.D., L.L.D.)

Hades: "Unseen, or the place (state) of departed souls: - grave, hell"

Hades is translated as "Hell" in the following N. T. Scriptures: Mt.11:23 & 16:18 - Lu.10:15 & 16:23 - Acts 2:27,31 - Re.1:18 & 6:8 & 20:13,14.

Gehenna: "Valley of (the son of) Hinnon, a valley of Jerus., used (fig.) as a name for a place (or state) of everlasting punishment. - Hell."

Gehenna is translated "Hell" in the following N.T. Scriptures. Mt.5:22,29,30 & 10:28 & 18:9 & 23:15,33 - M'k.9:43,45,47 - Lu.12:5 - Jas.3:6.

Tartaros: "(the deepest abyss of Hades): to incarcerate in eternal torment: - cast down to hell."

Tartaros is translated "Hell" in the following Scripture. 2Pe.2:4

The above three words are all that the New Testament has recorded within it's books, and all verses and translations are presented for your consideration. The word is also used in the Old Testament and is translated in the Hebrew as "Hell". I will not list all places used in the O.T. They all use the same Hebrew word.

Shehole: "Hades or the world of the dead (as if a subterranean retreat), includ. its accessories and inmates: - grave, hell, pit."

Shehole is translated in all Hebrew scriptures in the O.T. as "Hell"

If you will be fair with the definition, there is no way that you can say that the word "hell" only means one or two things. By the very definition it has to mean sometimes

“eternal torment” or “the place of everlasting punishment”, the “deepest abyss of Hades, the place of departed souls”. Yes; it does mean “the grave” sometimes, but not all the time. Preachers, if you will take it upon yourself to defend this truth, then study these verses and learn which word is the right application. If you don’t then those who would present the “No Hell” doctrine will use your error to make you look bad, and weaken the ones that you are supposed to strengthen.

The Scriptures Support The Doctrine Of Eternal Hell!

2Pe.2:4, “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;” This is *Tartaros*, (read the definition) and cannot be the grave or the valley of the sons of Hinnon. It is a place that is “down”. It is a place for “angels that sinned” and will also be a place for human sinners too. It is a place of “chains of darkness”, meaning torments waiting their “judgment” by God for their wicked sins. Most who have put forth this “No Hell” doctrine also have a very vague view of the doctrine of “Eternal Judgment”. The Devil would have God’s children to become confused about both these Bible truths. All sin that is not washed in the blood of the Lamb will be charged against the ones who commit such things. They will be “judged without mercy, and according to the righteous law of God. They will be found guilty as vile sinners all are, and they will be cast into eternal torment. That is “Hell”. God gives us another look at this lesson in Re.20:10 to 15, “And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophets 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.” The people whose names were written in the “book of life” are the ones who will be carried to eternal heaven to live with God forever, This is also known as the “third heaven”. All saved and unsaved persons will be judged out of the “books” and those who cannot plead the blood and righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ, will be found guilty. Their names are not in the “Book of life”. They will be cast “into the lake of fire”. This is called “Hell”, by most Bible readers. Out of the mouth of Jesus, we get more understanding of this truth, as recorded in M’t.25:31,32,33, & 41 & 46. It would serve you well if you read all the verses between, but for the sake of space and time I will only write these, “When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.” Jesus, who made all things and by him all things consist, said there is a place of eternal punishment for wicked people called “goats” and wicked

angels and yes even the wicked one himself, the Devil. All will be together everlastingly in punishment. This is "Hell"

The Church Historically Believed The Doctrine Of Eternal Hell

For this I will quote from the "London Confession Of Faith Of 1689", adopted by the "Philadelphia Association Of Baptist In 1742", adopted by "The Primitive Baptist at Fulton Kentucky in 1900: , Chapter 31, on the state of man after death. "The bodies of men after death return to dust and see corruption; but their souls, which neither die nor sleep, having an immortal subsistence, immediately return to God who gave them; the souls of the righteous, being then made perfect in holiness, are received into paradise, where they are with Christ and behold the face of God in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies; **and the souls of the wicked are cast into hell**, where they remain in torment and utter darkness, reserved to the judgment of the great day; besides these two places for souls separated from their bodies the Scripture acknowledgeth none" Chapter 32, paragraph 2, "The end of God's appointing this day is for the manifestation of the glory of his mercy in the eternal salvation of the elect, and of his justice in the **eternal damnation of the reprobate**, who are wicked and disobedient; for then shall the righteous go into everlasting reward, in the presence of the Lord; but the wicked who know not God, and obey not the gospel of Jesus Christ, shall be cast into eternal torments and punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power." My conclusion from this is that when anyone comes forth with a doctrine of "No Hell", they either are ignorant of the Scriptures and the traditional Baptist position, or they are trying to find some new thing that will excite the people to pay attention to them. If any who read this are leaning that way, I beg you to reconsider what you are being led into and turn to the truth.

It is the recorded "Article Of Faith"
of every Old Baptist Assembly I ever knew.

There could be a little difference in the wording from church to church, but they all state that they believe the joys of the righteous are eternal and the punishment of the wicked are everlasting.

Does it matter whether you believe this or not? Is it anything to be concerned about if people come into your assemblies promoting this doctrine? I will close this study with a quote from the great Apostle Paul as recorded in Gal.1:6,7,8, "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, **let him be accursed.**" In this day of "lukewarmness" we need strong men to stand for the "faith that was once delivered to the saints". May God bless you to be one of these men. All that you do, do it in love, for without "love" it is all just a racket that does not give honor to God.

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