

“The Hopelessness of Hell”

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Introduction - There are many today who believe HELL doesn't exist. Some will say it is a myth or try to down play the fact HELL is real.

- The truth is HELL does exist.
- Scripturally it is irrefutable.
- Hell is Hot
- Hell is Eternal
- Hell is Low
- Hell is Lonely

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Luke 16:19-31 there are several truths about HELL.

- It is certain yet many deny it.
- Verse 23 “And being in torments in Hades” teaches us HELL is real and not just figuratively speaking.
- HELL is a real place for real people.

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There are several theories that have been set forth to explain what Hell is ...

- It's called the **“Doctrine of the Intermediate State”**.
 - What happens to a person when he or she dies?

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- **The Doctrine of Universalism** – Hell is a place where the unrighteous will be simply disciplined or chastised for a period of time, but eventually everyone will repent and be saved. This doctrine is based upon Rom 11:32; 1 Tim 4:10; Phil 2:10-11
- **The Doctrine of Annihilation** – This belief simply says that when the unrighteous die, they are cast into hell where they will be tormented for a season, but because of God's great love, eventually, at some point they will burn up and cease to exist.

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- **The Doctrine of Purgatory** – This is primarily a Roman Catholic teaching which basically believes that those who die with unconfessed sins in their lives, go to a temporary holding place until their sins can be cleansed and will move into Heaven from purgatory afterwards.
- **The Doctrine of Soul Sleep** – This is a belief that when a person dies, they enter into a state of dreamless unconsciousness. You will remain in this state until the resurrection. Acts 7:60 (Stephen) & John 11:11 (Lazarus)

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- **The Doctrine of Secular Humanism** – This belief system is that every person is actually a god within themselves. You determine your own destiny in life and at death, the person ceases to exist.
- **The Doctrine of Eternal Damnation** – This is what we as Baptist believe. It is the belief that all who die without accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Savior will be separated from God in a literal, eternal state of punishment.

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- Why do we believe this?
- Because Sensibility Declares It
 - If there is an Eternal Heaven, then it has to be an Eternal Hell. Our justice system will confine rapist, murders, and thieves so they can't walk in society. God's perfect justice, holiness, will not allow the unrighteous to stand in His presence in Heaven.
- Because the Savior Declares It
 - Matt 5:22; 29-30; 7:13-14; 10:15; 13-40; 18:8; 25:41
- Because the Scriptures Declare It
 - Rev 9:1-2; 14:10-11; 21:8

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Conclusion – of all the doctrines set forth in the Scriptures, the reality is HELL is solid; HELL is real.

HELL is the Absence of God