

“The Hopelessness of Hell”

Part 3

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Introduction – Even though many don't believe in HELL or we have a God who would torment mankind in such a horrible fashion, we have confirmed with Scripture that:

- HELL is real.
- HELL is certain.
- HELL has characteristics.
- HELL is for real people.

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- We saw in “The Certainty of Hell” several theories or belief systems people have about HELL.
- “The Characteristics of Hell” taught us that HELL is a place of:
 - Intense Suffering
 - Incurable Sorrow
 - Indefinite Separation

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- We now know HELL is real and it's a place of torture; who will be there?
- What kind of people will make up the citizenship of HELL?
- What constitutes or what will be the basis for their being there in HELL?
- Why are they truly in HELL?

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Revelation 20:11-15 shares some helpful information on the Citizenship of hell. There are three types of individuals that make up the Citizenship of HELL:

- 1) There will be those who have simply rejected
 - (v.12) “And I saw the dead, small, great, standing before God...”
 - (v.15) “And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire”

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- Who are these individuals?
- These “Small” and “Great” are the ones that Jesus warned about who would reject Him.
- In John 12:44-50, Jesus says those that reject Him now, He will reject in the judgement.
- Revelation 21 lists those who will be rejected and also shares the two classification of people.

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First Classification:

- (v.3) “... Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with Them, and They shall all be His people, and God Himself will be with Them and be Their God.”
- The THEM and THEY are the one's whose names are in the Book of Life.

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Second Classifications:

Verse 8 provides a list of those who will be present in hell:

- Cowardly- the one's who are afraid to confess Christ because of ridicule.
- Unbelieving- the person who refuses to commit their life to the Lord.
- Abominable – Those that are defiled in their spirit by the world.

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- Murders – Those who take with malicious and forethought takes another's life.
- Sexually Immoral – adulterous, perverts, homosexual, lesbian, and morally corrupt
- Sorcerers – Those who trust in witchcraft and astrology.
- Idolaters – Those who worship “things”.
- Liars – Those who intentionally deceive

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- Understand it isn't the sins listed that send a person to HELL, but the sin of rejecting Christ as Savior.
- These sins are a result of the sin of rejection.
- Who will be in HELL?
 - Those who have simply rejected Christ

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The next type of individuals that make up the Citizenship of HELL:

2) Those Who Are Self-Righteous

- These citizens of hell are the ones who are probably the hardest for many to understand.
- These are the religious folks.
- Strongly involved in religion but not saved.

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John 8; John 14:6; and Matthew 7:21-23

- All of these verses are saying the same thing. If you die without Jesus, no matter how religious you are, you will have residence and be a citizen of HELL.
- Jesus was attempting to convey this truth to Nicodemus and it was the same truth He was trying to convey to the rich young ruler. This is the same truth He is still trying to conveying today.

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Question:

- Are you attempting to be saved by your good works?
- Have you received Jesus as your personal Savior?
- Is your name written in the Lamb's Book of Life?
- Or did you just join the church?

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- Have you been washed in the blood or have you simply been dipped in the water?
- Have you been reborn or have you just turned over a new leaf?
- Is Christ your Lord or is He your fire escape?

If you are trusting religion to save you, you will be disappointed when one day Jesus will say, “Depart from Me....I never knew you” and be among the Citizenship of Hell.

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The last type of individuals that make up the
Citizenship of HELL:

3) Those Who Were Part of the Satanic Rebellion

Isaiah 14:12-19; Revelation 12:3-4; Revelation
20:10

Those 1/3 of the angelic host that were thrown
out of heaven with Lucifer?

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Jude 6 says, And the angels did not keep their proper domain, but left their own habitation, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day.

- HELL was never meant for mortal man. Hell was created for the punishment of the devil and his angels.

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In conclusion, don't reject Christ as your personal Savior. If you do you will end up in a place call HELL. A place that was never meant for you to be.

What Is It In Hell Do You Want?

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In conclusion, HELL is most horrible because you will be eternally separated from God.

What Is It In HELL do you want?