

Question: WHY WOULD GOD TORTURE SOMEONE IN THE ETERNAL BURNING FLAMES OF HELL?

Answer:

This question is generally asked by those who fail to understand the incalculable and unimaginable cost to a pure, holy and sinless God. This cost involved becoming a sinless man and shedding his blood on a cross for the sins of the world. Furthermore, man fails to grasp the magnitude of God's love, heaven, as being equal and opposite to his wrath of eternal physical burnings in hell. Simply put, if you don't want his love in Jesus Christ, you can have his wrath.

Two inadequate human examples that would illustrate this truth, are given as follows:

1. A judge, having sentenced a criminal to death, would then choose to die in his place.
2. A parent that would willingly send their own precious and lovely son or daughter, to die a torturous cross death, for the sins of others, having been mercilessly whipped and wearing a crown of thorns.

However, this only scratches the surface, in that God himself "...manifest in the flesh..." (1 Timothy 3:16) as the sinless Jesus Christ, was "...made ... to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (2 Corinthians 5:21). This is the real price God had to pay.

Be under no illusion, it is the sinner who will choose to go to hell by rejecting God's offer of salvation, as God says "... I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live..." (Ezekiel 33:11). He adds, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9).

In addition, it is not only the unimaginable pain of eternal burnings, but the intense and mind numbing regret of refusing God's salvation gift, in knowing that you could have been in heaven, were it not for your stubborn pride. Oh, the eternal agony that you let the opportunity go by!!!

You see, hell was only ever meant for the punishment of the devil and his angels as God will "...say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:" (Matthew 25:41). Hell is God's wrath for those who reject the Saviour Jesus Christ.

To the reader who would say "I don't believe God will torment me in hell fire forever!" we say "Don't be too hasty - one second after you die, you will quickly change your mind!" Dear Friend, be encouraged to receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour as "... God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

Dear Reader, where will you spend eternity? In the eternal flames of hell or with God in heaven? Indeed, the Lord GOD says "...despise thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" (Romans 2:4).

We would urge you to "...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved..." (Acts 16:31). However, it's your choice.

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