## Heaven, Hell and the **Christian Hope**





Eternity without God

part 1

## What's it going to be like? Who's going to be there?



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# Meaning of the term

## gehenna

## condition of "the lost" under judgment

# Multiple Metaphors

#### outer darkness

matthew 8:12; 25:30

## fire and brimstone revelation 21:8

eternal fire

matthew 25:46

unquenchable fire mark 9:43, 48

## lake of fire

revelation 19:20; 20:10, 14-15

#### furnace of fire

matthew 13:42

#### weeping

matthew 8:12; 25:30

### gnashing of teeth

matthew 8:12; 25:30

#### endless torment

revelation 14:11

So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

## matthew 13:49-50

And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.

mark 9:43-48

And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out.

## mark 9:43-48

It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.'

mark 9:43-48

## Summary: eternal conscious suffering

## Meaning of the Metaphors

## literal? metaphorical?





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## metaphorical



## torment, but not torture

## These images convey punishment destruction exclusion finality

#### Key concept:

separation from God

"death"

revelation 20:14

Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

matthew 25:41, 46

And these will **go away** into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

## matthew 25:41, 46

in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

## 2 thessalonians 1:8-9

They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might

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To enter heaven is to become more human than you ever succeeded in being on earth; to enter hell, is to be banished from humanity.

They enjoy forever the horrible freedom they have demanded, and are therefore self-enslaved: just as the blessed, forever submitting to obedience, become through all eternity more and more free.

The characteristic of lost souls is "their rejection of everything that is not simply themselves"...

He has his wish—to lie wholly in the self and to make the best of what he finds there. And what he finds there is Hell.

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matthew 10:28



Jesus suffered in our place to rescue us from hell.



Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

**Romans 5:8-9** 



and to wait for his
Son from heaven,
whom he raised from
the dead, Jesus who
delivers us from
the wrath to come.

1 Thes. 1:10



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16



Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38



